

**Official Minutes
Board of Regents
Meeting of the Full Board
November 10-11, 2022
Fairbanks, Alaska**

1. Individuals Present

Regents Present:

Sheri Buretta, Chair
Karen Perdue, Vice Chair
Dale Anderson, Secretary
Lisa Parker, Treasurer
John Davies
Darroll R. Hargraves
Mary K. Hughes
J. Scott Jepsen
Ralph Seekins
Kali Spencer

Pat Pitney, Chief Executive Officer and President, University of Alaska

Others Present:

Karen Carey, Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast
Sean Parnell, Chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage
Daniel M. White, Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Matthew Cooper, General Counsel
Richard Schweigert, Interim Chief Finance Officer
Paul Layer, Vice President for Academics, Students and Research
Michelle Rizk, Vice President for University Relations and Chief Strategy, Planning and Budget Officer
Brandi Berg, Executive Officer, Board of Regents
Gökhan Karahan, Faculty Alliance Chair
Dawn Humenik, Staff Alliance Chair
Katherine LeBlanc, Coalition of Student Leaders Chair

2. Opening Items

A. Call to Order

Chair Buretta called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2022.

B. Adoption of Agenda

PASSED AS AMENDED (amendment noted by *)

"The Board of Regents adopts the agenda as amended. This motion is effective November 10, 2022."

Motion by John Davies, second by Karen Perdue.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of September 8-9, 2022

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its regular meeting of September 8-9, 2022 as presented. This motion is effective November 10, 2022."

Motion by Lisa M Parker, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

4. Reports

A. Governance Reports

Katherine LeBlanc, Coalition of Student Leaders chair, reported on the following topics: the coalition's biweekly meetings reviewing the tuition policy revisions and the system office mission statement, renaming Thanksgiving break to fall break, its well-attended retreat represented by seven campuses, preparation for the spring fly-in to Juneau and campus student government organizations are seeing an uptick in student engagement. (video timestamp 08:44)

Gökhan Karahan, Faculty Alliance chair, reported on the following topics: the extended due date for faculty initiative fund proposals, the alliance's retreat in Juneau on March 7-9, 2023, a request for more inclusive participation regarding the recruitment for the senior advisor for Alaska Native success position, its support for the recent labor negotiations, continued data analysis regarding staff/faculty positions, the revised tuition policy, and the fall resolution requests to President Pitney. (video timestamp 12:32)

Dawn Humenik, Staff Alliance chair, thanked the University of Alaska Fairbanks for hosting the meeting and thanked Regents Buretta, Perdue, and Seekins for attending a recent alliance meeting, and reported on the following topics: the common pathways workshop, exit surveys and the analysis of the data to understand why staff move to other positions within the university, utilization of the staff development funds, and gratitude to the board, the president, students, and the faculty and staff. (video timestamp 18:48)

B. Chancellors' Reports

Chancellor Carey provided an update on the following topics: the three universities' November 8, 2022, presentations during the Alaska Miners Association conference, her retirement on June 30, 2023, noting applicants will be on the Southeast campuses in January 2023, the construction of the Auke Bay Integrated Science Building, Esports competitions between the three universities, the November UA Scholars event, Indigenous People's Day events, enrollment and retention, Professor Twitchell's Emmy nomination and the passing of faculty member Sol Neely. (video timestamp 29:08)

Chancellor Parnell thanked Staff Alliance Chair Humenik for the gratitude reminder and thanked Faculty Alliance Chair Karahan for his instrumental involvement in governance, and provided an update on the following topics: the University of Alaska Anchorage's (UAA) relationship with its governance groups, Veterans Day luncheon, 20 UAA alumni on the state elections ballot, Seawolves volleyball successes, community engagement opportunities, Stem Day attended by K12 students, November UA Scholars event, research showcase projects, enrollment, the UAA Caucus attending the Chancellor's Cabinet meetings, tuition and support for differential tuition at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF). (video timestamp 35:43)

Chancellor White thanked the board for the June 2022 formal project approval on the Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center and Park, acknowledged the land on which UAF faculty teach and staff work, and provided an update on the following topics: Troth Yeddha's schematic design approval in early 2023 and its \$3M fundraising effort, the Indigenous studies PhD program, UAF's third and final differential tuition increase, non-loan student aid e.g., Nanook Pledge and the increase in available student aid, record high student enrollment in the Alaska Advantage program, the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District increasing enrollment in the Middle College, edX course enrollment, the campus marketing campaign, the partnership with Latitude 65 brewery and its \$1500 contribution to athletic scholarships, Nanook athletics update and a military partnership studying suicide. (video timestamp 53:23)

C. President's Report

President Pitney noted appreciation for the meeting dialogue and the level of interaction, recognizing awareness regarding timing will be needed for the revised 2023 board meeting schedule, and provided an update on the following topics: the need for more engagement with the university's communities, stating it will take faculty, staff, campus directors, and administration to advocate across the state, election results and the new legislative relationships the University of Alaska (UA) will need to cultivate, budget highlights, collective bargaining agreements approvals, public awareness campaign, recent speaking engagements, including the Alaska Federation of Natives conference, interaction and conversations with UA governance groups and in honor of Veterans Day, thanked the veterans. (video timestamp 1:26:43)

5. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

PASSED

"The Board of Regents goes into executive session to discuss matters that by law are required to be confidential and the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the university related to labor negotiations and certain real property transactions, and to receive legal advice. This motion is effective November 10, 2022."

Motion by Dale G Anderson, second by Lisa M Parker.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

The Board of Regents went into executive session at 10:53 a.m. and concluded an executive session at 11:33 a.m. Alaska Time in accordance with AS 44.62.310 to discuss matters that by law are required to be confidential and the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect on the finances of the university related to labor negotiations and certain real property transactions, and to receive legal advice. The session will include members of the Board of Regents, President Pitney, General Counsel Cooper, and such other university staff members as the president designated and lasted 40 minutes.

6. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreements

A. Approval of the Bargaining Unit Agreement between the University of Alaska and United Academics, AAUP/APEA

PASSED

"The Board of Regents conditionally approves the collective bargaining agreement between the University of Alaska and United Academics, AAUP/APEA (UNAC), for the term of January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2024, subject to ratification by the bargaining unit members and approval by the State of Alaska Department of Administration. This motion is effective November 10, 2022."

Motion by John Davies, second by Karen Perdue.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

POLICY CITATION

Regents' Policy 02.01.050. Collective Bargaining Agreements, provides:

"The president is authorized to represent the board in collective negotiations with certified collective bargaining units; however, no agreement resulting from such negotiations will be binding on the board or the university until approved by the board."

Regents' Policy 04.11.020.B – Exclusions and Agreements, states:

"No collective bargaining agreement shall be binding upon the Board of Regents without prior approval of the entire agreement by the Board of Regents."

RECOMMENDATION

University of Alaska (UA) administration has tentatively agreed upon a successor contract with the United Academics, AAUP/APEA (UNAC), subject to approval by the Board of Regents. The current collective bargaining agreement between the University of Alaska and the United Academics, AAUP/APEA expired on December 31, 2021, which was extended by mutual agreement between UA and UNAC.

The university and UNAC reached a tentative agreement on October 31, 2022. The tentative agreement has been submitted to the Department of Administration (DOA) for approval as required by AS 23.40.212(b). Subject to ratification by the bargaining unit members, and approval by the DOA and the Board of Regents, the successor CBA will be effective for the period January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2024. Pursuant to AS 23.40.215, the monetary terms of this collective bargaining agreement are subject to annual appropriation by the Alaska Legislature.

Chief Human Resources Officer Dahl answered questions regarding the terms of the tentative agreement. (video timestamp 1:45:13)

B. Approval of the Bargaining Unit Agreement between the University of Alaska and United Academic-Adjuncts

PASSED

"The Board of Regents conditionally approves the collective bargaining agreement between the University of Alaska and United Academic-Adjuncts (UNAD), for the term of July 1, 2022, through February 28, 2025, subject to ratification by the bargaining unit members and approval by the State of Alaska Department of Administration. This motion is effective November 10, 2022."

Motion by Lisa M Parker, second by Karen Perdue.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

POLICY CITATION

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Regents' Policy 04.11.020.B – Exclusions and Agreements, states:

"No collective bargaining agreement shall be binding upon the Board of Regents without prior approval of the entire agreement by the Board of Regents."

RECOMMENDATION

University of Alaska (UA) administration has tentatively agreed upon a successor contract with the United Academic-Adjuncts (UNAD), subject to approval by the Board of Regents.

The current collective bargaining agreement between the University of Alaska and the United Academic-Adjuncts expired on February 28, 2022, which was extended by mutual agreement between UA and UNAD.

The university and UNAD reached a tentative agreement on November 3, 2022. The tentative agreement has been submitted to the Department of Administration (DOA) for approval as required by AS 23.40.212(b). Subject to ratification by the bargaining unit members, and approval by the DOA and the Board of Regents, the successor CBA will be effective for the period July 1, 2022, through February 28, 2025. Pursuant to AS 23.40.215, the monetary terms of this collective bargaining agreement are subject to annual appropriation by the Alaska Legislature.

Chief Human Resources Officer Dahl answered questions regarding the terms of the tentative agreement.

C. Approval of the Bargaining Unit Agreement between the University of Alaska and the Fairbanks Firefighters Association, Local 1324, AFL-CIO**PASSED**

"The Board of Regents conditionally approves the collective bargaining agreement between the University of Alaska and the Fairbanks Firefighters Association, Local 1324, for the term of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, subject to approval by the State of Alaska Department of Administration. This motion is effective November 10, 2022."

Motion by Karen Perdue, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

POLICY CITATION

Regents' Policy 02.01.050. Collective Bargaining Agreements, provides:

"The president is authorized to represent the board in collective negotiations with certified collective bargaining units; however, no agreement resulting from such negotiations will be binding on the board or the university until approved by the board."

Regents' Policy 04.11.020.B – Exclusions and Agreements, states:

"No collective bargaining agreement shall be binding upon the Board of Regents without prior approval of the entire agreement by the Board of Regents."

RECOMMENDATION

UA administration has tentatively agreed upon a successor contract with the Fairbanks Firefighters Association, Local 1324, subject to approval by the Board of Regents.

The current collective bargaining agreement between the University of Alaska and the Fairbanks Firefighters Association, Local 1324 expires on June 30, 2023.

The university and Local 1324 reached a tentative agreement on October 14, 2022. Local 1324 membership ratified the agreement on October 24, 2022. The tentative agreement has been submitted to the Department of Administration (DOA) for approval as required by AS 23.40.212(b). Subject to approval by the DOA and the Board of Regents, the successor CBA will be effective for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026. Pursuant to AS 23.40.215, the monetary terms of this collective bargaining agreement are subject to annual appropriation by the Alaska Legislature.

Chief Human Resources Officer Dahl answered questions regarding the terms of the tentative agreement.

7. Government Relations Report

A. Government Relations Report

State Relations Director Hutchison and Federal Relations Director Latini provided an update on government relations issues affecting the University of Alaska. (video timestamp 1:50:25)

8. Approval of the Revisions to Regents' Policy 05.10. - Tuition and Student Fees

A. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 05.10. - Tuition and Student Fees

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy 05.10. - Tuition and Student Fees as presented. This motion is effective November 10, 2022."

Motion by John Davies, second by Lisa M Parker.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

Not Present at Vote: Mary K Hughes

Vice President Layer presented revisions to Regents' Policy 05.10. - Tuition and Student Fees. (video timestamp 2:20:07)

9. FY23 Financial Briefing

A. FY23 Financial Briefing

Interim Chief Finance Officer Schweigert provided a FY23 financial briefing. (video timestamp 2:43:35)

10. UA Budget Discussion and Approval Items

A. UA Budget Discussion

Board members, President Pitney, and administrative staff discussed the UA budget. (video timestamp 3:04:14)

B. Approval of Tuition Rates for Academic Year 2024

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves tuition rates for Academic Year 2024 as presented with an increase for lower division tuition at the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Troth Yeddha' campus. This motion is effective November 10, 2022."

Motion by Lisa M Parker, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

Voting in opposition: Darroll R Hargraves

Not Present at Vote: Mary K Hughes

RATIONALE/RECOMMENDATION

Following analysis and discussions at each university that occurred over the past two years, the president supports the concept of differentiated tuition based on university mission and consistent with the objectives in Regents' Policy 05.10.010. - General. It is common practice in public higher education systems that research university tuition differs from comprehensive university, regional university and community college tuition. For academic year 2023 (AY2023), the board approved differentiated tuition for the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) lower division courses at Troth Yeddha'* as part of a two-step plan. This proposal is the second step and completes the 4-year baccalaureate rate consolidation for UAF. The change also allows for the decoupling of the community campuses and the Community & Technical College (CTC) rates from the research university rates.

The following tables show the approved AY2023 and proposed academic year 2024 (AY2024) tuition rates by university. As a note to the board, the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) and the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) are not proposing any tuition changes for AY2024. UAF proposes no change in the tuition rate for offerings at CTC, Bristol Bay, Chukchi, Interior Alaska, Kuskokwim, and Northwest Campuses. This maintains alignment within the university system for community campus lower division offerings. With those exceptions noted above, UAF proposes an increase in the lower division tuition rate by 11 percent to reach a single baccalaureate tuition rate of \$289 per credit.

*Includes the university system definitions "Fairbanks Campus" and "Rural College". Both include 4-year and graduate degree programs offered on the Troth Yeddha' location.

R05.10.060 Tuition Rates

Tuition rates (per credit) effective for the respective academic year, fall through summer semesters, are as follows:

UAA and UAS	AY2023	AY2024	% change
Lower Division	\$234	\$234	0
Upper Division	\$282	\$282	0
Graduate	\$513	\$513	0
Nonresident Surcharge	\$566	\$566	0

UAF	AY2023	AY2024	% change
CTC tuition ¹	\$234	\$234	0
Undergrad ² Lower Division	\$260 ³	\$289 ⁴	11
Undergrad ² Upper Division	\$289	\$289	0
Graduate	\$539	\$539	0
Nonresident Surcharge	\$566	\$566	0

¹ Applies to CTC, Bristol Bay, Chukchi, Interior Alaska, Kuskokwim, Northwest Campuses (all offerings are 100-200 lower division)

² Applies to academic programs offered through Troth Yeddha'* (4-year baccalaureate).

³ In AY2023 Troth Yeddha' had lower division undergraduate tuition at \$260 and upper division undergraduate tuition at \$289.

⁴ The UAF lower division and upper division tuition rates will be combined into a single rate to be called "undergraduate".

C. Approval of the FY24 Operating Budget Request

PASSED
"The Board of Regents approves the FY24 operating budget request in accordance with the plan as presented. This motion is effective November 10, 2022."

Motion by John Davies, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

Not Present at Vote: Mary K Hughes

POLICY CITATION

Regents' Policy 05.01.01.A. – Budget Policy, states, "The budget of the university represents an annual operating plan stated in fiscal terms. All budgetary requests shall be adopted by the board prior to submittal to the Office of the Governor or the legislature."

RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION

President Pitney and Vice President of University Relations Rizk led a discussion on UA's Proposed FY24 Operating Budget. The operating budget discussion during this meeting will provide the board with the context and guiding principles for the proposed FY24 operating budget.

D. Approval of the FY24 Capital Budget Request and 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the FY24 capital budget request in accordance with the plan as presented. This motion is effective November 10, 2022."

Motion by John Davies, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

Not Present at Vote: Mary K Hughes

POSTPONED

"The Board of Regents approves the 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan for FY24-FY33 as presented. This motion is effective November 10, 2022."

Motion by Lisa M Parker, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

Voting in opposition: Darroll R Hargraves

Not Present at Vote: Mary K Hughes

POLICY CITATION

Regents' Policy 05.01.01.A. – Budget Policy, states, "The budget of the university represents an annual operating plan stated in fiscal terms. All budgetary requests shall be adopted by the board prior to submittal to the Office of the Governor or the legislature."

Regents' Policy 05.12.060 states: A. Annually, within the capital budget process, each university will prepare and update a long-range capital plan proposal. The university capital plan proposals will be consolidated into a systemwide long-range capital plan in accordance with procedures established by the system office chief finance officer and presented to the board for review and comments prior to board approval. Full identification of annual cost impacts shall be identified prior to a project being included in the long-range plan. B. The long-range capital plans shall be reviewed and updated annually as part of the capital and operating budget submission process."

RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION

President Pitney and Vice President of University Relations Rizk led a discussion on UA's Proposed FY24 Capital Budget and 10-year Capital Improvement Plan. The capital budget presents the top priority projects for FY24 and an objective look at the short-, mid-, and long-term capital investment goals of the university.

The capital budget includes priority new construction projects, that have already received some approval, and are included in the 10-year capital improvement plan for consideration in future capital budget requests. The goal of the Board of Regents' University of Alaska FY24-FY33 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is to guide decision-making that ensures the necessary facilities, equipment and infrastructure are in place to:

- achieve the board's short-, mid-, and long-term goals
- support the academic and research directions of the university system
- support a continuous improvement philosophy
- bring awareness to the associated future annual operating costs that may be incurred

11. Board of Regents' Goals & Measures Annual Reassessment of Priority Focus Areas & Targets

A. Goals & Measures Annual Review

President Pitney and Vice President Layer provided a report on the annual reassessment of priority focus areas and targets for the Board of Regents' Goals and Measures. (video timestamp 4:31:34)

In February 2022, the board approved its eight priority focus areas and 31 measures supporting five goals as strategic guidance and directed the president to provide an annual report on progress toward achieving the FY27 targets.

12. Committee Reports and New Business

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

In addition to the action items, the committee received an Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education - Higher Education Almanac report, an accreditation update, an enrollment report, a presentation regarding goals and measures for student success, and a student information system modernization update (video timestamp 5:02:43)

B. Ad Hoc Committee on Tuition

The committee discussed revisions to Regents' Policy 05.10-Tuition and Student Fees. (video timestamp 2:20:54)

C. Audit and Finance Committee

In addition to the action items, the committee received the external auditor’s annual report, a financial briefing, reviewed the UA Foundation financials statements and financial highlights of the Consolidated Endowment Fund, heard the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act compliance status report, received the first review of revisions to Regents' Policy 05.03. – Audit and Consulting Services and the first review of revisions to Regents' Bylaws BL07.F and BL07.G., an update regarding the Alaska Small Business Development Center, an audit status report, and held an executive session. (video timestamp 5:09:37)

D. Facilities and Land Management Committee

In addition to the action items, the committee discussed the FY24 capital budget and 10-year capital improvement plan, heard the land management FY22 annual report, received the UAA Lake Otis and Providence Drive property update, heard the deferred maintenance and renewal spending report, the deferred maintenance and renewal distribution reallocation report, the construction in progress reports and an IT report. (video timestamp 5:23:44)

E. Governance Committee

*1. Approval to Change the Location of the Board of Regents’ January 2023 Meeting (added)

PASSED
“The Board of Regents approves moving the January 2023 meeting from Anchorage to a Zoom conference. This motion is effective November 11, 2022.”

Motion by John Davies, second by Lisa M Parker.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

2. Approval of the Board of Regents' 2023 and 2024 Meeting Schedule (Moved from Consent Agenda Item 13.E.1)

PASSED AS AMENDED
“The Board of Regents approves its January, May, August, and November 2023 meeting schedule as revised and its 2024 meeting schedule as presented. This motion is effective November 11, 2022.”

Motion by John Davies, second by Lisa M Parker.
 Final Resolution: Motion Carries
 Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

2023	Location
January 13, 2023	Full Board Meeting - Zoom Conference
February 21, 2023	Public Testimony via Statewide Audio Conference
February 23, 2023	Committees & Full Board Meetings - Anchorage
February 24, 2023	Full Board Meeting – Anchorage
May 23, 2023	Public Testimony via Statewide Audio Conference
May 25, 2023	Committees & Full Board Meetings - Fairbanks
May 26, 2023	Full Board Meeting - Fairbanks
August 29, 2023	Public Testimony via Statewide Audio Conference
August 31, 2023	Committees & Full Board Meetings - Juneau
September 1, 2023	Full Board Meeting – Juneau
November 7, 2023	Public Testimony via Statewide Audio Conference
November 9, 2023	Committees & Full Board Meetings - Anchorage
November 10, 2023	Full Board Meeting - Anchorage

2024	Location
February 20, 2024	Public Testimony via Statewide Audio Conference
February 22, 2024	Committees & Full Board Meetings - Fairbanks
February 23, 2024	Full Board Meeting - Fairbanks
May 21, 2024	Public Testimony via Statewide Audio Conference
May 23, 2024	Committees & Full Board Meetings - Anchorage
May 24, 2024	Full Board Meeting - Anchorage
September 3, 2024	Public Testimony via Statewide Audio Conference
September 5, 2024	Committees & Full Board Meetings - Juneau
September 6, 2024	Full Board Meeting - Juneau
November 5, 2024	Public Testimony via Statewide Audio Conference
November 7, 2024	Committees & Full Board Meetings - Fairbanks
November 8, 2024	Full Board Meeting - Fairbanks

3. Committee Report

In addition to the action items, the committee discussed the Board of Regents' 2023 and 2024 meeting schedules. (video timestamp 6:38:32)

13. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

PASSED AS AMENDED

"The Board of Regents approves the consent agenda items 13.B.1-3., 13.C.1-2.,and 13.D.1-2. as amended. This motion is effective November 11, 2022."

Motion by Karen Perdue, second by John Davies.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Mary K Hughes, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

B. Academic and Student Affairs - Items from November 3, 2022

1. Approval of a Master of Science and a Doctorate in Earth System Science at the University of Alaska Fairbanks

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves a Master of Science and a Doctorate in Earth System Science at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. This motion is effective November 11, 2022."

2. Approval of Program Name Change from a Master of Arts in Anthropology to a Master of Arts in Applied Anthropology at the University of Alaska Anchorage

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves a program name change from a Master of Arts in Anthropology to a Master of Arts in Applied Anthropology at the University of Alaska Anchorage. This motion is effective November 11, 2022."

3. Approval of the Alaska College of Education Biennial Senate Bill 241 Report

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the 'Alaska's University for Alaska's Schools' (Senate Bill 241) report to the 34th Alaska State Legislature on teacher preparation, retention, and recruitment in accordance with AS 14.40.190(b). This motion is effective November 11, 2022."

C. Audit and Finance Committee - Items from November 4, 2022

1. Adoption of the FY22 Audited UA Financial Statements

PASSED

"The Board of Regents adopts the audited financial statements of the University of Alaska for the year ended June 30, 2022 as presented. This motion is effective November 11, 2022."

2. Adoption of the FY22 Audited Education Trust of Alaska Financial Statements

PASSED

"The Board of Regents adopts the audited financial statements of the Education Trust of Alaska for the year ended June 30, 2022 as presented. This motion is effective November 11, 2022."

D. Facilities and Land Management Committee - Items from November 3, 2022**1. UAF 2020 Troth Yeddha' Campus Master Plan Amendment - Lola Tilly Repurpose for Student Life and General Use****PASSED**

"The Board of Regents approves the University of Alaska Fairbanks Troth Yeddha' Campus Master Plan Amendment for the change of use of the Lola Tilly Building, as presented. This amendment will be incorporated in the existing 2020 UAF Troth Yeddha' Campus Master Plan. This motion is effective November 11, 2022."

2. UAF 2020 Troth Yeddha' Campus Master Plan Amendment - ACEP Energy Test Facility Annex Building Site**PASSED**

"The Board of Regents approves the University of Alaska Fairbanks Troth Yeddha' Campus Master Plan Amendment to allocate a new building site for a future research building near the ACEP Energy Technology Facility, as presented. This amendment will be incorporated into the existing 2020 UAF Troth Yeddha' Campus Master Plan. This motion is effective November 11, 2022."

E. Governance Committee - Item from November 2, 2022

*1. ~~Approval of the Board of Regents' 2023 and 2024 Meeting Schedule~~ (Moved to New Business Item 12.E.2.)

14. Approval of a Revision to BL11.B. Minutes; Public Inspection**A. Approval of a Revision to BL11.B. Minutes; Public Inspection****PASSED**

"The Board of Regents approves a revision to BL11.B. Minutes; Public Inspection as presented. This motion is effective November 11, 2022."

Motion by John Davies, second by Lisa M Parker.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Kali Spencer

Not Present at Vote: Mary K Hughes, Ralph Seekins

RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to Board of Regents' Bylaw 20.C. Amendment and Review of Bylaws, every five years, the university administration will report to the board on the status of the bylaws, making such recommendations as to revisions, additions and/or deletions as appear appropriate.

Executive Officer Berg, General Counsel Cooper, and university administration have reviewed the Bylaws of the Board of Regents and suggested a revision to BL11.B. as noted in the redline mark-up.

BL11. Minutes; Public Inspection.

B. The approved minutes of the board and other records of public sessions of the board will be available for public inspection under reasonable rules during regular office hours. Minutes shall be retained indefinitely in **printed electronic** form.

Minutes are currently retained in printed form; however, there is the ability to maintain records via electronic means (BoardDocs and the board's website), which is a more efficient practice.

General Counsel Cooper reviewed the proposed revision and the board received a first reading of the proposed revision during its September 8-9, 2022 meeting.

Pursuant to BL20.A., the proposed amendment was filed with Secretary Anderson on October 7, 2022. (video timestamp 5:29:34)

15. First Reading of Regents' Policy 01.01.050. - University of Alaska System Office Mission Statement

A. First Reading of Regents' Policy 01.01.050. - University of Alaska System Office Mission Statement

President Pitney reviewed the proposed Regents' Policy. The new policy includes the addition of a mission statement for the University of Alaska System Office. (video timestamp 5:30:51)

P01.01.050 - University of Alaska System Office Mission Statement

The University of Alaska System Office, through its support of the three universities' distinct missions, advances higher education and honors the Indigenous and diverse peoples of Alaska. The University of Alaska System Office manages corporate responsibilities, strategically stewards shared resources, and works with the universities to implement Regents' policies and directions to align with current and future needs of the state.

Adoption of any policy changes or recommendations will be by separate motion before the full board.

16. Did You Know Presentation

A. Did You Know Presentation

This segment of Did You Know, featured the University of Alaska's (UA) role in the global Arctic. The university has built a tremendous foundation in Arctic research and education, and that foundation provides for the UA's role in Arctic leadership. The university's biggest strength is excellence in research, teaching, and the emerging focus on Arctic security. The video explored UA's expertise and role across the circumpolar North. (video timestamp 5:35:15)

<https://youtu.be/dHpWkmmtmms>

All "Did You Know" success stories can be found at <https://www.alaska.edu/news/did-you-know/>

17. Title IX Update and Review of Title IX Compliance Brief

A. Title IX Update and Review of Title IX Compliance Brief

Chief Finance Officer Schweigert provided a Title IX update. (video timestamp 6:20:10)

Chancellors Carey, Parnell, and White reviewed the Title IX compliance brief.

18. Alaska Native Success Initiative Update

A. Alaska Native Success Initiative Update

Chief Human Resource Officer and Interim Senior Advisor for Alaska Native Success Dahl presented an update on the Alaska Native Success Initiative. The presentation provided information on systemwide Indigenous representation across the student, faculty, and staff populations, and will recognize doctoral graduates and faculty promotions. (video timestamp 6:52:14)

19. UA Foundation Report

A. UA Foundation Report

UA Foundation President Burnett provided an update on university system's development efforts and University of Alaska Foundation's activities. (video timestamp 7:14:13)

20. Approval of Resolutions of Appreciation

A. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for John Davies

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for John Davies. This motion is effective November 11, 2022."

Motion by Dale G Anderson, second by Karen Perdue.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, Darroll R Hargraves, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

Abstain: John Davies

Not Present at Vote: Mary K Hughes

WHEREAS, John Davies has served the University of Alaska with excellence and integrity since his appointment to the Board of Regents by former Governor Bill Walker in 2015; and

WHEREAS, John Davies demonstrated service as treasurer (2015-2016) and vice chair (2016-2018) of the board and led the university in a calm and inclusive manner as board chair (2018-2019) during some of the most stressful times in university history as the system faced extreme budget cuts, financial exigency, and accreditation concerns; and

WHEREAS, John Davies served on numerous committees of the board during his tenure, including Ad Hoc Committee on Title IX (chair 2015-2018, 2020-2022), Ad Hoc Committee on Tuition (chair 2021-2022), Audit and Finance (chair 2020-2022), Facilities and Land Management (chair 2015-2018), Governance, Presidential Performance Evaluation Sub-committee; and

WHEREAS, John Davies, as chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Title IX, led the effort to hold listening sessions on university campuses, to engage in policy review and the development of stronger Regents' Policy regarding Title IX procedures, and worked on improving the campus climate across the system; and

WHEREAS, John Davies demonstrated steadfast advocacy for the value of the university and university research and the necessity of speaking up about damaging funding reductions and diminishing state support; and

WHEREAS, John Davies has had a long career in public service, including ten years in the Alaska Legislature and nine years on the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly; and

WHEREAS, John Davies, for 12 years, was a researcher at the Cold Climate Housing Research Center in Fairbanks, where he researched public policy related to energy-efficient building techniques for cold climates; he also worked for 12 years as the state seismologist, and as a research associate for the Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys and the University of Alaska Fairbanks Geophysical Institute during this time he was instrumental in the establishment of the Alaska Earthquake Center and the Alaska Volcano Observatory, and he also served six years on the University of Alaska Alumni Board, four years as chair; and

WHEREAS, John Davies came to Alaska to attend school at the University of Alaska Fairbanks to study geophysics, and due to that lifelong scientific interest, he often expressed support for the critical research being conducted across the university system, from climate change to Arctic security issues, public health, to Arctic engineering, and remains a staunch supporter of the university system's research mission; and

WHEREAS, John Davies holds a bachelor's degree in physics from Reed College, and a Ph.D. in geophysics from the University of Alaska Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, John Davies and his wife Linda Schandelmeier are extremely active members of the Fairbanks community, volunteering in many capacities on nonprofit boards and advisory councils, the Unitarian Church, and are ever present at community events from the memorial for Justice Ginsberg to community fundraising events and awareness activities, to rallies in support of climate, social justice, Indigenous rights, and fiscal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, outside all of these incredible accomplishments, John Davies and his wife maintain a beautiful garden and enjoy time with their children and grandchildren while taking in all the opportunities afforded a life in Interior Alaska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska officially recognizes and thanks John Davies for his dedicated service to the University of Alaska, its employees, students, and partners; he will be truly missed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to John Davies with a copy incorporated into the official minutes of the November 10-11, 2022, meeting of the Board of Regents. (video timestamp 7:28:58)

B. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for Lisa Parker

PASSED
"The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Lisa Parker. This motion is effective November 11, 2022."

Motion by Dale G Anderson, second by Karen Perdue.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, J Scott Jepsen, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

Abstain: Lisa M Parker

Not Present at Vote: Mary K Hughes

WHEREAS, Lisa Parker has served the University of Alaska with dedication and distinction since her appointment to the Board of Regents by former Governor Bill Walker in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Parker demonstrated service as secretary (2016-2018) and treasurer (2018-2022) of the board; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Parker served on numerous committees of the board during her tenure, including Academic and Student Affairs, Ad Hoc Committee on Title IX (chair 2019), Ad Hoc Committee on Tuition, Ad Hoc Committee on the University of Alaska Foundation Campaign, Facilities and Land Management (chair 2021-2022, vice chair 2017-2019), Governance, Planning and Development (chair 2015-2017), University of Alaska Foundation Board of Trustees and the Alaska Commission on Post-Secondary Education

WHEREAS, Lisa Parker, with her extensive background in crisis communication, was a clear-spoken and well-reasoned voice during a term accentuated by budget and reputational challenges; her presence on the board added an element of calm and compassion during difficult times; and at times, she voted from a minority position against some of the more divisive actions including financial exigency, the elimination of the University of Alaska Anchorage School of Education and consolidation, while championing alternatives; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Parker is highly supportive of shared governance and made it clear on numerous occasions that including the voices of students, faculty, staff, and community members is essential to the governing process; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Parker was a fierce advocate for the needs of rural campuses, and community campuses and a strong advocate of the university system's community college mission; she served for six years on the College Council for the Kenai Peninsula College Kenai River Campus; her husband Steve Horn is a retired professor of business and economics at Kenai Peninsula College, and she understands at a critical level how decisions of the board need to be considered from the perspective of impact to the university's extended campuses; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Parker has a long history of public involvement in Alaska; she won her first election to the Anchorage Charter Commission at the age of 19, served as planning director for the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission, and currently serves as the Soldotna Vice Mayor and on the City Council; her previous service to the City of Soldotna includes membership on the Parks Committee, Cemetery Task Force and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Parker and her husband operate Parker Horn Company, a strategic planning and community outreach firm specializing in developing strategic and community outreach plans for clients, as well as government relations, crisis response, and management courses and services; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Parker has a rich background in resource development and currently works with Furie Operating Alaska; her past experiences include working for Cominco Alaska during the planning, development, and initial operations of the Red Dog Mine in Northwest Alaska; she was also the government and community relations manager for Agrium USA - one of the world's largest fertilizer manufacturers; external affairs manager for Apache Corporation; stakeholder engagement manager for the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation and helped create Alaska's first non-persistent oil spill cooperative, Alaska Chadux Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Parker was selected in 1978 as Alaska's Harry S. Truman Scholar, a highly competitive, merit-based award for students that provides scholarships for both undergraduate and graduate degrees for individuals pursuing a career in public service; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Parker has a bachelor of science from The American University, Washington D.C., Cum Laude, and a Certificate in Corporate Community Outreach from Boston College; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Parker, a born and raised Alaskan, lives adjacent to a golf course and is an accomplished golfer and outdoor enthusiast and enjoys many activities, including snowshoeing, hiking, and fishing, and will continue to enjoy all that Alaska - and the scenic Kenai Peninsula in particular - has to offer to the adventurous.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska officially recognizes and thanks Lisa Parker for her dedicated service to the University of Alaska, its employees, students, and partners; she will be truly missed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to Lisa Parker with a copy incorporated into the official minutes of the November 10-11, 2022, meeting of the Board of Regents. (video timestamp 7:44:43)

C. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for J. Scott Jepsen

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for J. Scott Jepsen. This motion is effective November 11, 2022."

Motion by Lisa M Parker, second by Ralph Seekins.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Sheri Buretta, John Davies, Darroll R Hargraves, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

Abstain: J Scott Jepsen

Not Present at Vote: Mary K Hughes

WHEREAS, J. Scott Jepsen has served the University of Alaska with integrity and dedication since his appointment to the Board of Regents by Governor Mike Dunleavy in 2021; and

WHEREAS, J. Scott Jepsen was enjoying retirement after 41 years in Alaska's oil & gas industry, including most recently as vice president of external affairs and transportation for ConocoPhillips Alaska, when he was appointed to fill a vacant two-year term; and

WHEREAS, J. Scott Jepsen served on committees of the board during his tenure, including Ad Hoc Committee on Tuition, Facilities and Land Management, and Governance, and although his term has been brief, his insightful comments and observations, critical questions, and strong background in finance, business, and management has made him a highly valued member of the board; and

WHEREAS, J. Scott Jepsen's service to the university also includes serving nine years on the board of directors for the University of Alaska Foundation, including a two-year term as chair; and

WHEREAS, J. Scott Jepsen's experience has included management of oil and gas operations in Alaska and the Lower 48, the Kenai LNG plant, pipelines, state and federal government affairs, media and advertising, stakeholder relations, and philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, J. Scott Jepsen has served on several other boards, including Commonwealth North, Alaska Public Media, the Resource Development Council, and the Petroleum of Club of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, J. Scott Jepsen has a B.S. and M.S. in chemical engineering from the University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS, J. Scott Jepsen and his partner Amber Babcock will continue to enjoy life in Anchorage, where their son, Trevor, a University of Alaska Fairbanks graduate, also works and lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska officially recognizes and thanks J. Scott Jepsen for his dedicated service to the University of Alaska, its employees, students, and partners; he will be genuinely missed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to J. Scott Jepsen with a copy incorporated into the official minutes of the November 10-11, 2022, meeting of the Board of Regents. (video timestamp 8:01:10)

D. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for Sheri Buretta

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Sheri Buretta. This motion is effective November 11, 2022."

Motion by Lisa M Parker, second by John Davies.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Darroll R Hargraves, J Scott Jepsen, Lisa M Parker, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins, Kali Spencer

Abstain: Sheri Buretta

Not Present at Vote: John Davies, Mary K Hughes

WHEREAS, Sheri Buretta has served the University of Alaska with dedication and distinction since her appointment to the Board of Regents by former Governor Bill Walker in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Sheri Buretta demonstrated service as vice chair (2018-2019) of the board and led the university with strategic focus through three years of unprecedented challenges as board chair (2019-2022), courageously facing the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, adeptly handling budget reductions, program eliminations, and personnel reduction, hiring a new university president and supporting the university through its Goals and Measures Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Sheri Buretta served on numerous committees of the board during her tenure, including Academic and Student Affairs, Ad Hoc Committee on Title IX, Audit (chair 2015-2019), Governance, Presidential Performance Evaluation Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Sheri Buretta has championed the Alaska Native Success Initiative and has been instrumental in ensuring it remains a central goal of the university; and

WHEREAS, Sheri Buretta is an active advocate for all Alaska Native people and has devoted her life's work to fostering economic growth, promoting Alaska Native self-determination through business development and preserving Alaska Native culture; and

WHEREAS, Sheri Buretta's background includes extensive experience with Alaska Native corporations, serving as chairman of the Chugach Alaska Corporation, also director of the Native American Contractors Association, and serving on the Board of Directors for the Alaska Federation of Natives, the Board of Directors for the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, the Board of Directors for Alaskans Standing Together, the Tatitlek Corporation Board, and the Russian Orthodox Sacred Sites in Alaska, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Sheri Buretta's civil service experience also includes serving on the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation Board, the Foraker Board, and the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, in November 2016, the YWCA Alaska recognized Sheri Buretta during its 27th Annual YWCA Alaska/BP Women of Achievement and Youth Awards, saying she exemplified the YWCA Alaska's mission to eliminate racism and empower women and, in 2010, she received the Anchorage ATHENA Society Leadership Award, both highly deserving of the recognition; and

WHEREAS, Sheri Buretta brings the same strength, resolve, passion, and compassion to her work, to her community involvement, and her family; and

WHEREAS, Sheri Buretta holds an associate degree in accounting from the University of Alaska and an associate degree in business from Gulf Coast Community College in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Sheri Buretta was born in Anchorage; her family is from the village of Tatitlek, located in Prince William Sound; and

WHEREAS, Sheri Buretta loves to ski and travel to Hawaii with her husband, Gary, daughter Anastasia, and son Bo; she also enjoys teaching fur sewing during the Tatitlek Cultural Heritage week and participating in its community events and ceremonies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska officially recognizes and thanks Sheri Buretta for her dedicated service to the University of Alaska, its employees, students, and partners; she will be sincerely missed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to Sheri Buretta with a copy incorporated into the official minutes of the November 10-11, 2022, meeting of the Board of Regents. (video timestamp 8:13:16)

21. Adjourn

A. Adjourn

Chair Buretta adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m. on Friday, November 11, 2022

22. Public Testimony, from November 7, 2022

Allie McClure, University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) gymnastic team member, shared her positive student experience at UAA; noted the team members support the university's strategic goals and invited the regents to the UAA gymnastic meet on November 19, 2022.

Silje Hildebrand, UAA gymnastic team member, shared the team's academic success, noting the team's 3.87 average GPA and 13 perfect 4.0 GPAs and stated excitement for the 2023 gymnastics season.

Brooklyn Kopsack, UAA gymnastic team member, shared the team's recent volunteer and community engagement activities.

Zach Stenson, Bristol Bay Regional Career and Technical Education program director, thanked the board for offering dual credit programs to high schools through the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Bristol Bay Campus, noting four school districts and 22 schools in the Bristol Bay region participate and stated gratitude for the school district's partnership with UAF.

Jeff Jessee, former UAA College of Health dean and an alcoholic, stated opposition to the UAF partnership with Latitude 65 brewery and its Nanook Ale which has 5.4 percent alcohol content; said alcohol is terrible for a person's health and noted the board must ask themselves if this is partnership is acceptable.

Tiffany Hall, Recover Alaska executive director, stated opposition to the UAF partnership with Latitude 65 brewery; noted the relationship promotes underage drinking which is already a problem in Alaska; said she has spoken to UAF Chancellor White and they disagree on the effects the partnership provides to the UAF student community and provided ideas to limit alcohol marketing to underage people.