

**Official Minutes
Board of Regents
Meeting of the Full Board
May 26, 2023
Fairbanks, Alaska**

1. Individuals Present

Regents Present:

Ralph Seekins, Chair
Karen Perdue, Vice Chair
Dale Anderson, Secretary
Scott Jepsen, Treasurer
Joey Crum
Paula Harrison
Mary K. Hughes
Dennis L. Michel

Regent Absent:

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
Wayne Mowery, Associate General Counsel
Luke Fulp, 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
Jacy Pietsch, Office Coordinator, Board of Regents
Jennifer Ward, Faculty Alliance Chair
Dawn Humenik, Staff Alliance Chair

2. Opening Items

A. Call to Order

Chair Seekins called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 26, 2023.

B. Adoption of Agenda

Note for the record: Regent Perdue reiterated and supplemented some disclosures she made during the May 25, 2023, Facilities and Land Management Committee meeting, stating she is not a member of that committee, did not participate in any committee votes, and on the following items and she refrained from participation in the discussions and deliberations.

She stated with respect to the formal project approval for the University of Alaska (UAA) Alaska Leaders Archives/Consortium Library Renovation; she is a board member of the Ted Stevens Foundation, which is an integral partner with UAA on this project, with a memorandum of agreement currently under negotiation. Regent Perdue said she should not vote, deliberate, or participate in the discussion on that matter, and asked Chair Seekins to make a determination on the record, noting the same item is one of the specifically listed components in the proposed FY24 Capital Budget Distribution Plan, item 7.D. on the agenda.

She also stated with respect to the project change request for the University of Alaska Fairbanks' Bartlett and Moore Hall Modernization & Renewal, and the informational item before the Facilities and Land Management Committee on the Troth Yedha' Indigenous Studies Center, the firm of Bettisworth North is involved in both of those items and, although her spouse long ago sold his ownership interest in the firm, he is still a part-time employee of the firm. Regent Perdue said neither of these is an action item before the full board, noting the project change request was approved by the committee, without her

participation in the discussion or the vote, and the committee's approval does not require board ratification. She also stated the Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center was an informational item, not requiring board action.

Chair Seekins stated after consultation with UA General Counsel's Office, he determined for the reasons Regent Perdue explained, he agreed that she should refrain from any vote, deliberation, or participation regarding the formal project approval for the UAA Alaska Leaders Archives/Consortium Library Renovation, as she did during the May 25, 2023, committee meeting. Chair Seekins said that particular item will be removed from the consent agenda, so Regent Perdue will need not refrain from participation in the remaining items on the consent agenda, and the board will take a separate vote on the formal project approval from which Regent Perdue will refrain from any participation. Chair Seekins determined for Motion #2 under item 7.D. on the agenda, approval of the FY24 Capital Budget Distribution Plan, which does specifically include the distribution to the UAA Alaska Leaders Archives/Consortium Library Renovation, Regent Perdue will refrain from voting, deliberating, or participating, noting that only applies as to Motion #2. Regarding Motion #1 under item 7.D., he determined Regent Perdue could participate and vote, noting Motion #1 simply accepts the capital appropriation in the aggregate and does not specify any particular projects. Chair Seekins found there is no significant personal or financial interest on Regent Perdue's part that should preclude her from participating in Motion #1, noting the board will take two separate votes on item 7.D. and determined Regent Perdue could participate in Motion #1, but should not in Motion #2.

Chair Seekins said regarding the Facilities and Land Management Committee's approval of the project change to the Bartlett and Moore Hall Modernization & Renewal, and as to the informational item on the Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center, the board doesn't anticipate there will be any votes by the full board, but there may be further discussions. Chair Seekins agreed that Regent Perdue should refrain from the discussions for the reasons she explained, as she did during the May 25, 2023, committee meeting.

Regent Crum stated his business would be signing an agreement with the eLearning component of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), offering his employees a 10 percent discount on courses taken for professional development. He said the agreement is identical to agreements that UAF eLearning has with several other Alaskan businesses and is willing to offer to others, so his business is not receiving any unwarranted special treatment, noting the agreement will not come before the board, so there is no occasion on which he would be taking any action on it in his role as regent. Regent Crum stated he understands that whenever there is a contract between the university and regents individually or businesses owned by regents, a disclosure should be made even though there is no actual or potential conflict.

Chair Seekins said after consultation with UA General Counsel's Office, he determined there is no conflict presented by Regent Crum's business entering into the agreement, and since there is no agenda item relating to that, he didn't have any reason to have Regent Crum refrain from participating on any particular item at during the May 26, 2023 meeting.

PASSED AS AMENDED (amendment noted by *)

"The Board of Regents adopts the agenda as amended. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

C. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of February 24, 2023

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its regular meeting of February 24, 2023 as presented. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Joey Crum.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

3. Reports

A. Governance Reports

Jennifer Ward, Faculty Alliance Chair, reported on the following topics: the alliance being an official representative for faculty in matters that affect the general welfare of the university, its annual retreat in Juneau in March 2023, and meeting with legislators to advocate for UA. (video timestamp 16:13)

Dawn Humenik, Staff Alliance Chair, thanked Chancellor White for hosting the meeting and reported on the following topics:

the completion of staff recognition events, the alliance's work with UA Human Resources to determine the difference between recognition and appreciation, how funds from the Natural Resources Fund were used for staff training, why retention of staff is still an issue, the importance of continuing to keep open dialogue with administration and leadership while focusing on people and looking inward to empower staff while empowering Alaska. (video timestamp 21:13)

B. Chancellors' Reports

Chancellor Parnell thanked Chancellor White for hosting the meeting and provided an update on the following topics: meetings with shared governance and the UAA Caucus, commencements, affordable, high-quality education with lowered student costs, fees, tuition, community engagement efforts, campus-hosted events, UAA philanthropy, and the Alaska Leaders Archives project. (video timestamp 30:49)

Chancellor Carey provided an update on the following topics: her last meeting as chancellor, being adopted into the Tlingit family and receiving a Tlingit name, community events hosted on campus, commencements, staff development day, enrollment, hiring of two new deans, Chancellor Palmer's arrival, and thanked President Pitney and the board for supporting UAS and creating a stable environment, and thanked the provosts and chancellors for a collaborative work atmosphere. (video timestamp 38:50)

Chancellor White thanked his research team for the May 25, 2023 presentation, Regents Perdue, Michel, and Chair Seekins for attending Troth Yeddha' events, and Regent Harrison for attending Kuskokwim commencement and provided an update on the following topics: the Blue and Gold event, the impact UAF research has on its communities across Alaska, patented technology returning revenue to UAF; dual enrollment, edX courses and the uptick in visitors at the Museum of the North. (video timestamp 46:27)

C. President's Report

President Pitney thanked Chancellor White for May 25, 2023 research event, welcomed Faculty Alliance Chair Ward, thanked past Faculty Alliance Chair Karahan and Chancellor Carey for their service to the university, and provided an update on the following topics: Chancellor Palmer joining UA on June 19, 2023, the change in student regent representation, cloud migration across the UA system, closure of the COVID protocols and communications, her attendance at recent events including the Arctic Encounter Symposium and the Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference, upcoming conferences including the Wilson Center/Critical Mineral Conference in July and the inaugural Global Autonomous Systems (drone) Conference in August, commencements, UA's budget, UA human resources' communication discrepancies regarding retroactive pay to UA employees, and the shared the signed copy of UA's land grant bill. (video timestamp 57:15)

4. 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 1:12:09)

5. Goals and Measures Discussion

A. Goals and Measures Discussion

President Pitney, Vice President Layer, and Chancellors White, Parnell, and Carey discussed the universities key initiatives and measures supporting the Board of Regents' goals and priority focus areas. (video timestamp 1:34:39)

***5.1. Executive Session** (added)

PASSED
"The Board of Regents goes into executive session to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which could affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to board activity. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Dennis L Michel.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

The Board of Regents went into executive session at 11:14 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 the immediate knowledge of which could affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to board activity. The session included members of the Board of Regents, President Pitney, Associate General Counsel Mowery, and such other university staff members as the president designated and lasted 19 minutes.

6. UA Budget Discussion / FY24 & 25 Budgets

A. UA Budget Discussion / FY24 & 25 Budgets

Board members, President Pitney, and administrative staff discussed the university's FY24 and FY25 budgets. (video timestamp 3:01:57)

B. FY25 Budget Development Guidelines

President Pitney and Vice President Rizk led a discussion on the draft FY25 Budget Development guidelines. This was an information and discussion item; no action was required. (video timestamp 3:25:38)

The operating budget development guidelines serve as a tool to prioritize requests directed at maximizing progress toward the Board of Regents' goals and focus our efforts as we continue to provide a valuable service to Alaska.

Key Principles

Increase enrollment through retention in degree programs for Alaska's workforce
Develop deferred maintenance and renewal funding strategy
Maintain responsible financial stewardship

Operating Budget Fixed Costs Increases (\$15-\$19 million)

Compensation 2.5% salary increase, and benefits; \$12-\$13 million (wage base ~\$350 million)
Cyber Security (\$1-\$2 million)
Property Insurance Premium (\$1-\$2 million)
Facilities Maintenance (\$1-\$2 million)

Program Investment in support of UA/MAU goals and measures (<https://www.alaska.edu/pres/goals-metrics/>)

UAA Healthcare and workforce training
UAF Tier 1 research and indigenous leadership
UAS maritime, mariculture, and southeast ocean economy

For reference, 1% of state general funds ~\$3 million, and 3% of state general funds ~\$9 million. The FY24 request for Building Capacity for Alaska Workforce was \$5.2 million. Program investment requests will demonstrate return on investment and impact on goals and measures.

Revenue

Earned revenue transition to greater revenue contributor (~\$460 million; 60% of total revenue)

Enrollment/Tuition ~\$110 million (25%)
Other unrestricted funds ~\$90 million (20%)
Restricted and Designated funds ~\$250 million (55%)

State General Funds ~\$308 million; 40% of total revenue

Economic development/state partnerships - Review FY23/FY24 projects to determine if a request for a funding extension and/or a small base transition is necessary.

Capital Budget

Deferred maintenance and renewal funding strategy
Student-centered sustainable space utilization strategy

Space and Cost Optimization through Footprint Management (reduction + existing building modernization + new development)

Key Message "We Empower Alaska"

Affordable and Accessible - higher education to all Alaskans

Student Success - resources and support so students can achieve their academic and career goals

Community Impact - through workforce and economic development, research, service, and partnerships

Innovation and Excellence - in teaching, learning, and research, preparing students for the future

7. FY23 and FY24 Budget Approval Items

A. Acceptance of the FY23 Supplemental Operating Budget and Approval of Distribution Plan

Note for the record: Regent Perdue supplemented her disclosure from this morning regarding her membership on the board of the Ted Stevens Foundation, which is an integral partner with UAA on the UAA Alaska Leaders Archives/Consortium Library Renovation. She said regarding Motion #2 under Item 7.D. on the agenda, she believes her interest in the collaborative effort between UAA and the Ted Stevens Foundation will have some minimal impact on capital budget items and should be disclosed and the conflict mitigated as fully as possible. Regent Perdue said in light of this fact, she recommended she participate in the general discussion and vote on the aggregate distribution of capital funds covered by such motion, but she would refrain from any conversation or discussion as to any particular reallocation, which could directly or indirectly benefit the current capital funding of the UAA Alaska Leaders Archives/Consortium Library Renovation.

Chair Seekins said after consultation with the UA General Counsel's Office, he determined for the reasons Regent Perdue explained, he agreed she could participate in the general discussion and vote on the aggregate distribution of capital funds covered by such motion, noting Regent Perdue would refrain from any conversation or discussion as to any particular reallocation, which could directly or indirectly benefit the current capital funding of the UAA Alaska Leaders Archives/Consortium Library Renovation.

PASSED
"The Board of Regents accepts the amended FY23 Operating Budget Appropriation as presented. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Scott Jepsen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

PASSED
"The Board of Regents approves the amended FY23 Operating Budget Distribution Plan as presented and authorizes the president to revise the distribution plan, as appropriate, to implement the final state appropriation. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Scott Jepsen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

POLICY CITATION

Regents' Policy 05.01.040 – Acceptance of State Appropriations states, "The board must accept state appropriations to the university before any expenditure may be made against the appropriation."

RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION

President Pitney and Vice President Rizk presented a summary of the FY23 supplemental operating budget appropriation and discussed the funding distribution.

The FY23 supplemental operating budget includes \$6,460.9 thousand for the negotiated salary increase for faculty (3 percent) and an additional 1 percent increase for staff, firefighters, and local 6070 bargaining unit members.

B. Acceptance of the FY23 Supplemental Capital Budget and Approval of Distribution Plan

PASSED
"The Board of Regents accepts the amended FY23 Capital Budget Appropriation as presented. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

PASSED
"The Board of Regents approves the amended FY23 Capital Budget Distribution Plan as presented and authorizes the president to revise the distribution plan, as appropriate, to implement the final state appropriation. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Scott Jepsen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

POLICY CITATION

Regents' Policy 05.01.04 – Acceptance of State Appropriations states, "The board must accept state appropriations to the university before any expenditure may be made against the appropriation."

RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION

President Pitney and Vice President Rizk presented a summary of the supplemental FY23 capital budget appropriation and discussed the capital funding distribution.

The FY23 supplemental capital budget includes a \$60.0 million net decrease to UA's federal receipt authority.

UA Fairbanks Seward Marine Center Research Vessel Infrastructure (-\$64 million) - the grant award was not received for the SMC R/V Infrastructure. This change leaves \$30.4 million in federal receipt authority related to this project in the event another grant opportunity becomes available.

UA Anchorage Health Workforce Expansion and Diversity Funding (\$4 million) - this project proposes to begin renovating the Sally Monserud Hall to expand UAA's College of Health (CoH) health workforce clinical training facilities including, increased laboratory space and remote learning technologies. The Economic Development Administration (EDA) informed UAA that they will be receiving the Health Workforce Expansion and Diversity Funding. The total award is \$5.0 million, of which \$4.0 million is federal funding and \$1.0 million is match funding from UAA. This project received Formal Project Approval May 26, 2022.

C. Acceptance of the FY24 Operating Budget Appropriation and Approval of Distribution Plan

PASSED

"The Board of Regents accepts the FY24 Operating Budget Appropriation as presented. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

Motion by Scott Jepsen, second by Mary K Hughes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the FY24 Operating Budget Distribution Plan as presented and authorizes the president to revise the distribution plan, as appropriate, to implement the final state appropriation. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

Motion by Scott Jepsen, second by Mary K Hughes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

POLICY CITATION

Regents' Policy 05.01.040 – Acceptance of State Appropriations states, "The board must accept state appropriations to the university before any expenditure may be made against the appropriation."

RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION

President Pitney and Vice President Rizk presented a summary of the FY24 operating budget appropriation and discussed the operating funding distribution.

D. Acceptance of the FY24 Capital Budget Appropriation and Approval of Distribution Plan

PASSED

"The Board of Regents accepts the FY24 Capital Budget Appropriation as presented. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

Motion by Joey Crum, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

PASSED
"The Board of Regents approves the FY24 Capital Budget Distribution Plan as presented and authorizes the president to revise the distribution plan, as appropriate, to implement the final state appropriation. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

Motion by Dale G Anderson, second by Joey Crum.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

POLICY CITATION

Regents' Policy 05.01.04 – Acceptance of State Appropriations states, "The board must accept state appropriations to the university before any expenditure may be made against the appropriation."

President Pitney and Vice President Rizk presented a summary of the FY24 capital budget appropriation and discussed the capital funding distribution.

E. Approval of the FY24 Natural Resources Fund Budget

PASSED
"The Board of Regents approves the proposed FY24 Natural Resources Fund Budget as presented. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

Motion by Joey Crum, second by Mary K Hughes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

POLICY CITATION

Regents' Policy 0.5.07.010 - Land-Grand Endowment, provides that the university president will present an annual budget to the board for approval.

RECOMMENDATION

FY23 Natural Resources Fund Budget	Approved FY23	Proposed FY24
Long-Term Commitments:		
- University of Alaska Scholars Program	\$ 3,100,000	\$ 3,500,000
- Land Management	970,000	970,000
- Land Management - Info System Replacement (one-time)	388,000	-
- System-based scholarships	170,000	170,000
- IANRE USDA Grant Match and Cooperative Extension Support	400,000	500,000
- University of Alaska Press	120,000	120,000
Supporting Goals and Measures:		
- G&M Emerging Opportunities	300,000	200,000
- UAA: Preparing Students for Careers in Alaska	-	400,000
- UAF: Post Doc & PhD Student Support to Advance Tier 1 Research	-	400,000
- UAS: Maritime/Mariculture/Ocean Economy Student Recruitment	-	100,000
- System Office: Advance Revenue Development Strategies	-	300,000
- Construction Management (one-time)	-	200,000
- Alaska in the Arctic: Issues and Trends	300,000	-
- Student Recruitment and Retention	300,000	-
- Masters in Marine Policy Start Up	250,000	-
Governance Support:		
- Staff Development Fund	100,000	120,000
- Faculty Initiative Fund	300,000	360,000
Other:		
- University of Alaska Press (one-time)	-	119,200
- Leadership & Team Development (Innovation Fund)	140,000	140,000
- edX Initiative	200,000	-

FY23 Natural Resources Fund Budget

	Approved FY23	Proposed FY24	
NRF BUDGET TOTAL	\$ 7,038,000	\$ 7,599,200	
- Reallocated from Prior Year Unexpended Balances	-	(388,200)	
SPENDING ALLOWANCE TOTAL	7,038,000	7,211,000	RATIONALE

Natural Resources Fund is to be used to "provide a margin of support over and above" what otherwise would be possible through traditional state, federal and private sources, and used to provide funding to projects and programs necessary to establish or enhance the quality of the university's academic programs, research, or public service. The sources of the funds available comes from the spending allowance generated by the Land Grant Endowments, currently set by the board at 4.5% of the average of the December 31 market value for the immediately preceding five years of the fund. Withdrawal of earnings in any fiscal year is limited to the unexpended accumulated earnings of the endowment as of the preceding December 31.

LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS

UA Scholars Program: The allocation request is based on the program being the university's largest scholarship outreach program and consists of an award of \$12,000 paid over a period of eight semesters at \$1,500 per semester. The award is available to the top ten percent of the graduates from every high school in Alaska. The increase in the total allocation to the Scholars Program over the prior year reflects a renewed interest in the program by graduating seniors. As of May 4, 2023, 622 of the 948 (66%) designated UA Scholars had applied for admission within the UA System. This represents the most applicants through the month of May since 2019.

Land Management: The allocation is based on board policy that provides a portion of the spending allowance for the management and maintenance of university land. The allocation will help fund support costs for the federal land grant initiative and additional outreach to develop lands.

System-based Scholarships: The allocation request represents awards offered as community goodwill, through seven organizations as well as the state's foster youth program. Consistent with the UA Scholars program the community awards have been increased by \$125 per semester as of June 2014. The foster youth award amount covers 144 credits of tuition for 10 semesters over six years. The foster youth cost is variable with tuition increases.

Institute of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Extension (IANRE) USDA Grant Match and Cooperative Extension Support: Cooperative Extension has used these funds to build capacity in Alaska communities by providing significant portions of salaries of employees providing educational outreach related to 4-H and natural resources. The funding has financed the majority of work done by the extension's Bethel agent, Sitka program assistant, Fairbanks state 4-H program faculty, Mat-Su 4-H faculty member, Kodiak and Bristol Bay 4-H program assistants, and the Southcentral natural resources programs headquartered out of the Palmer Research and Extension Center. In addition, the Kenai Peninsula agriculture agent and natural resource assistant and Anchorage Extension coordinator were covered by the NRF as well. With this funding, the extension has been able to deliver youth-driven programming including healthy living, cultural appreciation and suicide prevention. The programs housed within IANRE are directly connected to the land-grant mission and have a federal 1:1 match requirement for capacity building grants and agricultural research (e.g., Hatch Act, Smith-Lever Act, McIntire-Stennis capacity grants). An increase of \$100,000 (25%) is being proposed for FY 2024 to assist UAF in meeting match requirements.

University of Alaska Press: The allocation request is based on a long-standing commitment to supplement their operations, most recently affirmed by the board in June 2020. The UA Press entered into a consortium agreement in FY22. The Natural Resources Fund allocation will be used for mandatory membership dues in the consortium.

SUPPORTING GOALS AND MEASURES

G&M Emerging Opportunities: A series of internal grants will be awarded for initiatives and investments designed to produce results in achieving the goals:

- Contribute to Alaska's economic development, skilled workforce and engaged citizenship
- Foster academic excellence for student success
- Promote diversity, equity and inclusion in students, faculty and staff
- Grow our world-class research
- Operate cost effectively

Special attention will be given to the priority focus areas and identified by the board.

University of Alaska Anchorage: The University of Alaska Anchorage aspires to reach the goals approved by the Board in February 2022. Specifically, UAA will use NRF funds to 'contribute to Alaska's economic development, skilled workforce and engaged citizenship' by removing barriers to educational attainment. Through a simplified admissions process, tailored financial aid support, and community campus outreach, UAA stands ready to grow Alaska's workforce by preparing graduates to transition into jobs.

University of Alaska Fairbanks: The allocation request is intended to 'grow our world-class research' with targeted initiatives,

such as support for postdoctoral scholars and PhD students. This effort will help advance UAF's goal of achieving tier 1 research status. Attaining tier 1 research status can provide global recognition for high research productivity; enhance competitiveness for funding resources; attract globally competitive faculty, staff, and students to improve the quality and caliber of UAF research and education; increase student enrollment; and provide local and regional economic benefits to the broader Fairbanks community and rural campuses and communities throughout the State.

University of Alaska Southeast: The University of Alaska Southeast aims to further student recruitment for its Maritime, Mariculture, and Ocean Economy programs at its three pristine and ideally located campuses. UAS remains committed to the Fisheries and Mariculture industry and is excited to further serve this industry in providing a skilled and trained workforce and promoting research, education, and collaboration across the industry and Alaska as a whole.

University of Alaska System: The System Office is proposing start-up funds for an expanded revenue development arm. The objectives include continued work on current development projects; working with the universities on development priorities in the short term (1-3 years) and mid-term (3-5 years) including public private partnerships and developments beyond land, sale, and lease; securing consultants that will analyze university land portfolios for development opportunities across Alaska; and continued progress at streamlining the UALM processes.

Construction Management: Skilled construction workers are critical to building and maintaining Alaska's roads, ports, bridges, and other infrastructure. It is a University of Alaska priority to address Alaska's construction workforce needs by training a local workforce and providing highly skilled graduates to industry partners. This initial investment will provide support for construction programs at the University of Alaska Anchorage, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and the University of Alaska Southeast to expand career awareness, market existing programs, increase online delivery, and deliver hands-on training to rural communities.

GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

Staff Development Fund: Promote staff and supervisor training and development, recognition, and mentoring/coaching opportunities. A 20% increase is being proposed for FY 2024.

Faculty Initiative Fund: Funds will be used to provide opportunities for inter-university collaboration to promote teaching and scholarly activities that enrich the student experiences leading to equity in student success. A 20% increase is being proposed for FY 2024.

OTHER

University of Alaska Press (one-time): Funds will be used to cover one-time costs related to inventory and accounts receivables expenses the UA Press will no longer be able to recover.

Leadership and Team Development (Innovation Fund): Funds will be used to foster a culture of innovation through investments in leadership development, administrative efficiency and process improvement, and internal and external partnerships. (video timestamp 3:54:47)

8. Committee Reports and New Business

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

In addition to the action items, the committee received an update on the student information system modernization efforts, heard an enrollment report, and received a notice of actions regarding academic programs and a presentation on the Faculty Alliance Fund. (video timestamp 4:52:22)

B. Audit and Finance Committee

1. Approval of the FY24 Annual Internal Audit and Compliance Plan

PASSED

"The Audit and Finance Committee approves the annual audit and compliance plan for fiscal year 2024 as presented. This motion is effective May 25, 2023."

2. Committee Report

In addition to the action item, the committee received a financial briefing, including debt capacity analysis and a strategic financial outlook, heard the external auditor's comments, highlights from the FY23 institutional compliance strategic plan, reports on the audit and compliance status and open audit recommendations, and held an executive session. (video timestamp 4:52:54)

C. Facilities and Land Management Committee

1. Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Kuskokwim Campus Health Sciences Renovation

PASSED

"The Facilities and Land Management Committee approves the formal project approval request for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Kuskokwim Campus Health Sciences Renovation as presented in compliance with the approved campus master plan, and authorizes the university administration to proceed through schematic design at a cost of \$250,000, with an estimated total project cost of \$2,040,000. This motion is effective May 25, 2023."

2. Project Change Request for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Bartlett and Moore Hall Modernization & Renewal

PASSED

"The Facilities and Land Management Committee approves the project change request to increase the total project cost by \$5,000,000 for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Bartlett and Moore Hall Modernization & Renewal as presented in compliance with the campus master plan and authorizes the university administration to proceed with construction not to exceed a total project cost of \$32,500,000. This motion is effective May 25, 2023."

***3. Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Anchorage Alaska Leaders Archives/Consortium Library Renovation** (Moved from Consent Agenda Item 9.C.3.)

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the formal project approval request for the University of Alaska Anchorage Alaska Leaders Archives / Consortium Library Renovation as presented in compliance with the approved campus master plan, and authorizes the university administration to proceed through schematic design at a cost of \$1,500,000 with an estimated total project cost of \$40,000,000. It is the Board of Regents' intent that schematic design will be funded primarily by federal or private funds. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Joey Crum.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Ralph Seekins

Abstain: Karen Perdue

4. Committee Report

In addition to the action items, the committee received an update on the UAF Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Studies Center, heard the land management status and the land grant initiative reports, and discussed university deferred maintenance strategies and priorities. Written reports included an IT update, capital project approvals – delegation of authority report, deferred maintenance and renewal spending report, deferred maintenance and renewal distribution reallocation report, and the construction in progress reports. (video timestamp 4:53:41)

9. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

PASSED AS AMENDED

"The Board of Regents approves the consent agenda items 9.B.1-5., and 9.C.1-2. as amended. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

Motion by Scott Jepsen, second by Karen Perdue.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

B. Academic and Student Affairs Committee - Items from May 25, 2023

1. Approval of an Associate of Applied Science in Speech-Language Pathology Assistant at the University of Alaska Anchorage

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves an Associate of Applied Science in Speech-Language Pathology Assistant at the University of Alaska Anchorage. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

2. Approval of an Undergraduate Certificate in Outdoor Leadership at the University of Alaska Anchorage

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves an Undergraduate Certificate in Outdoor Leadership at the University of Alaska Anchorage. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

3. Approval of a Bachelor of Science in Climate and Environmental Change at the University of Alaska Fairbanks**PASSED**

"The Board of Regents approves a Bachelor of Science in Climate and Environmental Change at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

4. Approval of a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Alaska Fairbanks**PASSED**

"The Board of Regents approves a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

5. Approval of a Master's in Healthcare Management and Leadership at the University of Fairbanks**PASSED**

"The Board of Regents approves a Master's in Healthcare Management and Leadership at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

C. Facilities and Land Management Committee - Items from May 25, 20231. UAF 2020 Troth Yeddha' Campus Master Plan Amendment - Fairbanks Experiment Farm Long-Range Plan**PASSED**

"The Board of Regents approves the University of Alaska Fairbanks Campus Master Plan Amendment for Fairbanks Experimental Farm Long Range Plan as presented. This amendment will be incorporated in the existing 2020 UAF Troth Yeddha' Campus Master Plan. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

2. Approval of a Revision to Regents' Policy 05.12.072.A. - Capital Project Development: Formal Project Approval**PASSED**

"The Board of Regents approves revisions to Regents' Policy 05.12.072.A. - Capital Project Development: Formal Project Approval as presented. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

CURRENT LANGUAGE**P05.12.072. Capital Project Development: Formal Project Approval.**

A. Formal project approval represents approval of the project including the program justification and need, scope, the total project cost, and funding plan for the project. It also represents authorization to complete project development through the schematic design, targeting the approved scope and budget, unless otherwise designated by the approval authority.

PROPOSED REVISION**P05.12.072. Capital Project Development: Formal Project Approval.**

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3. ~~Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Anchorage Alaska Leaders Archives/Consortium Library Renovation (Moved to New Business 8.C.3.)~~

10. Workforce Development Presentation**A. Workforce Development Presentation**

Preparing a qualified workforce is one of the most important missions of the university. Teri Cothren, associate vice president of workforce development, provided an overview of how the university is partnering across the system and state, on key

initiatives to be responsive to Alaska's workforce priorities. (video timestamp 4:58:42)

11. Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Update

A. Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration Update

Dr. Cahill, director of the Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration, provided an update and answer questions from members of the board. (video timestamp 4:11:42)

12. Land Grant Initiative Update

A. Land Grant Initiative Update

Adrienne Stolpe, director of land management, provided an update on the Land Grant Initiative. (video timestamp 5:20:54)

13. 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 5:24:35)

14. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

PASSED
"The Board of Regents goes into executive session to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which could affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to the naming of a university facility and meritorious service awards. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Joey Crum.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

The Board of Regents went into executive session at 2:28 p.m. and concluded an executive session at 3:04 p.m Alaska Time in accordance with AS 44.62.310 to discuss matters that the immediate knowledge of which could affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to the naming of a university facility and meritorious service awards. The session included members of the Board of Regents, President Pitney, Associate General Counsel Mowery, and such other university staff members as the president designated and lasted 36 minutes.

15. Approval of Naming a Facility at the University of Alaska Anchorage

A. Approval of Naming a Facility at the University of Alaska Anchorage

PASSED
"The Board of Regents approves the naming of a facility at the University of Alaska Anchorage and authorizes Chancellor Parnell to announce the naming at a time of his choosing. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

Motion by Scott Jepsen, second by Dennis L Michel.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

POLICY CITATION

In accordance with Regents' Policy 05.12.090, Naming of Campus Facilities: Formal Naming of Campus Facilities and Infrastructure, official naming of all "significant" buildings, building subcomponents such as wings, additions, auditoriums, and libraries, streets, parks, recreational areas, plazas and similar facilities or sites will be approved by the board.

RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Regents was asked to approve the naming of a facility at the University of Alaska Anchorage. The proposed name was sent to the Board of Regents under separate cover for discussion during executive session.

16. Approval to Rescind Meritorious Service Awards

A. Approval to Rescind Meritorious Service Awards

PASSED
"The Board of Regents approves rescission of two meritorious service awards as proposed. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Abstain: Joey Crum

POLICY CITATION

Regents' Policy 10.03.030. Meritorious Service Awards.

E. Revocation

An honorary degree may be revoked when, in the sole discretion of the board, a continuing connection with the university is no longer in the best interest of the university. Following the decision of the board, the president shall inform the affected individual.

RATIONALE AND RECOMMENDATION

Recommendations submitted by the University of Alaska Southeast for the rescission of meritorious service awards were sent under separate cover for the Board of Regents' review prior to the May 26, 2023 board meeting.

17. Approval of Resolutions of Appreciation

A. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for Kali Spencer

PASSED
"The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Kali Spencer. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

Motion by Joey Crum, second by Mary K Hughes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

WHEREAS, Kali Spencer was appointed by Governor Dunleavy in 2021 and has served the University of Alaska with dedication and excellence; and

WHEREAS, Kali Spencer served as a member of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the Ad Hoc Committee on Title IX, the Ad Hoc Committee on Tuition, and the Governance Committee during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, Kali Spencer served as the voice for the collective student body and brought forward the perspectives of the students at the University of Alaska during board discussions and votes; and

WHEREAS, Kali Spencer distinguished herself through meaningful discussion and commentary during Board of Regents' meetings; and

WHEREAS, Kali Spencer has a long history of representing students, having served as the student representative on the Anchorage School District School Board, student body president of Eagle River High School, president of the Alaska Association of Student Governments, and as the current student body president at the University of Alaska Southeast; and

WHEREAS, Kali Spencer served in the Murkowski internship program in Washington D.C. hosting tours, writing memos and op-eds, and is serving as a legislative staff member for Senator Wielechowski for the 33rd Alaska State Legislature as part of the Ted Stevens Legislative Internship Program; and

WHEREAS, Kali Spencer contributed a fantastic "Day in the Life of a University of Alaska Southeast Student" TikTok to support a joint marketing campaign with the Alaska Travel Industry Association that aims to attract more students and workers to the

state; and

WHEREAS, Kali Spencer is from Eagle River, Alaska, where she first started developing her student leadership talents; and

WHEREAS, Kali Spencer is pursuing a Bachelor of Liberal Arts in interdisciplinary studies with an emphasis in political science, psychology, and philosophy, with a graduation date of May 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of Alaska Board of Regents officially recognizes Kali Spencer for her distinguished service to Alaska and the University of Alaska, in particular, the students across the university system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to Kali Spencer with a copy incorporated into the official minutes of the May 26, 2023, meeting of the Board of Regents. (video timestamp 4:02:08)

B. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for Karen Carey

PASSED
"The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Karen Carey. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

Motion by Joey Crum, second by Scott Jepsen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

WHEREAS, after seven years of dedicated service to the University of Alaska Southeast, including serving as chancellor since 2020 and previously as provost and dean of graduate studies since June of 2016, Karen Carey announced plans to retire at the end of June 2023; and

WHEREAS, in both these roles, Karen Carey lead the institution through a highly successful accreditation process, earning multiple commendations; and

WHEREAS, although she wasn't seeking to become Chancellor, Karen Carey stepped up to provide stable, calming leadership to the University of Alaska Southeast community after the turmoil of significant budget cuts and the threat of consolidation; and

WHEREAS, Karen Carey is dedicated to carrying out the mission of the University of Alaska Southeast as a destination of choice for students seeking academic excellence and learning opportunities that integrate the environment and cultures of Southeast Alaska, including supporting the expansion of Indigenous language programs; and

WHEREAS, Karen Carey's ability to get things done, build trust and relationships without fluff and flattery, lead with authenticity, and sincerely demonstrate concern and compassion for others all contributed to achieving the goal of making the University of Alaska Southeast a great place to work; and

WHEREAS, Karen Carey was gifted a Tlingit name during the University of Alaska Southeast's annual Alaska Native Graduation Celebration and was honored for her time and effort to grow the Alaska Native language program; her name, Héide Shuwataani, means "the one who opens doors."; and

WHEREAS, Karen Carey earned her Ph.D. in school psychology focusing on the ecological factors influencing young children and their families; co-authored two books on early childhood interventions as well as numerous other articles; and served as a school psychologist in Nevada, Kentucky, Ohio, and California working with students with severe disabilities and students enrolled in juvenile correctional facilities; and

WHEREAS, Karen Carey arrived in Juneau from California State University Channel Islands, where she served as dean of arts & sciences; she also worked at California State University, Fresno, where she held several positions, including department chair and dean of graduate studies; and

WHEREAS, Karen Carey has served on national and international academic boards, including the National Association of School Psychologists, the International Association of School Psychologists, and served as Alaska's representative on the Executive Committee of the Western Academic Leadership Forum, part of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Karen Carey's philanthropy efforts supported many different areas at the University of Alaska Southeast, including establishing the Alan P. Cohan Memorial Scholarship endowment at the University of Alaska Southeast in memory of her late

husband; and

WHEREAS, Karen Carey has two grown step-children with her late husband Allan and four grandchildren; she loves Southeast Alaska, and enjoys attending the symphony, Perseverance Theatre, a variety of arts activities in Juneau, and enjoying the fantastic outdoors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska officially recognizes and thanks Karen Cary for her service to the University of Alaska Southeast and its students; she will be sincerely missed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and conveyed to Karen Carey with a copy incorporated into the official minutes of the May 26, 2023, meeting of the Board of Regents.

18. Regents' Closing Comments

A. Regents' Closing Comments

Regent Perdue asked not to replicate holding next year's May meeting on the Thursday and Friday before a holiday weekend, and moved the following motion:

***18.1. Approval to Revise the August/September 2023 Meeting Dates and Direction to the President to Review and Suggest Dates for the Board's May 2024 Meeting**
(added)

PASSED
"The Board of Regents approves revising the August/September 2023 meeting dates from August 31/September 1 to August 30-31, 2023 and directs the president to review and suggest new dates for the board's May 2024 meeting. This motion is effective May 26, 2023."

Motion by Karen Perdue, second by Dale G Anderson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Dale G Anderson, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Regent Anderson said he enjoyed the May 25, 2023 research program; thanked Chancellor White for the hospitality, and said he is looking forward to meeting with Staff Alliance on May 31, 2023.

Regent Hughes thanked Chancellor White for the hospitality and said the May 24, 2023 retreat meeting with the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges was good.

Regent Michel expressed appreciation for the board's work, said he continues to learn about UA, stated UA has extraordinary staff and enjoyed the evening research showcase and the excellent UAF tours.

Regent Harrison thanked Chancellor White for the hospitality and stated appreciation for UA staff.

Regent Crum said he enjoyed the research showcase.

Regent Jepsen thanked Chancellor White for the hospitality and the research showcase and looks forward to the continued goals and strategies conversations.

Regent Seekins said regents would continue to visit UA campuses, noted it is refreshing to speak directly to university staff, and is awed at personalities around the Board of Regents' meeting table and the willingness to work together.

President Pitney thanked the board and university staff for their work to prepare for these meetings and appreciates the regents getting out and visiting the university campuses.

Chancellor Parnell said he would miss Chancellor Carey and her highly-caring compassion and commended her for her service to higher education.

Chancellor White thanked Chair Seekins for hosting dinner on May 24, 2023, President Pitney for her leadership, the regents for their time to learn about the university system, and thanked Chancellor Carey for efforts in the creation of the joint UAS/UAF fisheries degree and her leadership as chancellor and provost at UAS.

Chancellor Carey thanked everyone and said she would be watching the universities' activities.
(video timestamp 5:39:07)

19. Adjourn

A. Adjourn

Chair Seekins adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m. on Friday, May 26, 2023.

20. Public Testimony, from May 23, 2023

Jill Dumesnil, University of Southeast (UAS) Juneau math professor and a United Academics Union representative, said the regular nine-month contract period for UA faculty has ended, although many faculty members are still working, conducting research, teaching summer classes, or working second or third jobs to support their families and stated very few UA faculty have the luxury of summer vacation.

Paola Ruano, University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) gymnastic team member calling from Medelin, Columbia, provided an update on the team's community engagement efforts and its volunteer work.

Claudia Lessig, incoming UAA gymnastic team member calling from Springfield, Texas, shared why she chose UAA and its gymnastic program.

Anna Wensel shared her experience with the Alaska Advantage program, stated she earned 30 hours of college credits while attending high school and thanked the board for supporting the program.

Harrison Israels, UAA ice hockey team member calling from Toronto, Canada, shared the team's successes and thanked the board for supporting the program.

Kimberly Bergey, Raven Homeschool program director calling from Palmer, Alaska, shared student successes with the Alaska Advantage program, noting during the fall of 2022, Raven students took 85 classes, and in the spring of 2023 a total of 200 credits; said the advantage program is a great option for middle school students remotely located and for students to have access to college credit courses.

James Muller, Anchorage, Alaska, thanked the board for its service; stated concern regarding the calculation of retroactive pay raises for faculty; reviewed his 40-year teaching career and said it is inequitable not to pay faculty for the entire year they worked.

Jeff Jessee, past Alaska Mental Health Trust CEO and past UAA College of Health dean calling from Anchorage, Alaska, stated opposition to the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) partnership with Latitude 65 Brewing Company, noting public funds are being used to advertise alcohol beverages to underage people; said UAF has violated its alcohol policy and encouraged UAF to focus on accountability.

Shelley Ebenal, Foundation Health Partners CEO calling from Fairbanks, Alaska, stated support for the UAF health care management and leadership program.

Nate Bauer, UA Press director calling from Fairbanks, Alaska, shared UA Press information regarding licensing agreements, marketing efforts, and its robust internship programs for students and thanked the board for its support.

Karen Taylor, Foundation Health Partners education department employee calling from Fairbanks, Alaska, stated support for the UAF health care management and leadership program.

Togi Letuligasenoa, Fairbanks, Alaska, stated a renewed interest in the UAF campus ice rink, noting the venue is a centerpiece of activity and would contribute to the student lifestyle experience and thanked the board for its support of athletics at UAF.

Douglas Herrin, Foundation Health Partners physician calling from Fairbanks, stated support for the UAF health care management and leadership program.

Karen Melin, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District chief administrator calling from Fairbanks, Alaska, provided information regarding the school district's involvement in the partnership with the UAF North Star College, noting student successes and the recent expansion to include 180 high school juniors and seniors.

Erik Largen, UAF men's hockey coach, stated on behalf of the athletic teams and the entire department an extension of thanks for the board's support of athletics.

Soumitra Sakhalkar, UAF student, shared his experience with his professors and their help obtaining his geophysics certificate and thanked the department heads for his success.

Brandon Briggs, UAA Department of Biological Sciences associate professor, thanked the board for offering public testimony; stated his concern for the retroactive pay calculation, quoting an article from the faculty's collective bargaining agreement (CBA) regarding across-the-board pay increases and asked the board to please adhere to the CBA.

Tiffany Hall, Recover Alaska executive director calling from Anchorage, Alaska, spoke in opposition to the UAF partnership with Latitude 65 Brewing Company, noting its marketing is directed to underage drinking; stated it is irresponsible for a university to engage in such marketing; said prior statistics and data regarding underage drinking have been shared with the board and mentioned the change in the alcohol policy at UAF after two events promoting the partnership.

Lance Howe, Anchorage, Alaska, expressed support for the retroactive pay for faculty who retire before June 4, 2023; said there has been an inability to keep faculty salary in line with inflation, noting many are leaving Alaska and stated there is an imbalance between university administrators pay and faculty and staff wages which is creating low morale.