

**Official Minutes
Board of Regents
Meeting of the Full Board
May 23, 2024
Anchorage, Alaska**

1. Individuals Present

Regents Present:

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

Regents Absent:

Albiona Selimi

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

Others Present:

Aparna Palmer, Chancellor, University of Alaska Southeast
Sean Parnell, Chancellor, University of Alaska Anchorage
Daniel M. White, Chancellor, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Matthew Cooper, 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
Raegan Kelliher, Assistant, Board of Regents
Jennie Carroll, Faculty Alliance Chair
Ronnie Houchin, Staff Alliance Chair
Tina Hamlin, Coalition of Student Leaders Member

2. Opening Items

A. Call to Order

Chair Seekins called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

B. Adoption of Agenda

PASSED AS AMENDED (amendment noted by *)

"The Board of Regents adopts the agenda as amended. This motion is effective May 23, 2024."

Motion by Seth Church, second by Scott Jepsen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. University of Alaska Anchorage Student Experience

University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) students, Ms. Mikayla Mader and Ms. Kadyn Osborne, and UAA alumnus Mr. Collin Hurd, shared their student experiences. (video timestamp 12:14)

4. Reports

A. Governance Reports

Ronnie Houchin, Staff Alliance Chair, reported on the following topics: the alliance continues to interpret and work on the employee engagement survey data, staff resources are thinly stretched in some areas, increasing enrollment could bring new resources to assist staff as it helps to keep the student at the universities, the board's work on retention, noting recruitment has a direct effect on the students' connection to the university, and staff satisfaction and recognition is vital to student success. (video timestamp 30:30)

Jennie Carroll, Faculty Alliance Chair, reported on the following topics: identified areas for the three universities to collaborate, an update regarding the AI thought leaders forum, elevating academic integrity by revising Regents' Policy 09.02.020 Student Code of Conduct, and an update on the System Governance Council's work, which includes university alumni. (video timestamp 33:50)

Tina Hamlin, Coalition of Student Leaders representative, reported on the following topics: the Juneau spring fly-in, the coalition's plans for a comprehensive charter update during the next two years, reviewing the Regents' Policy changes noted by the Faculty Alliance, and appreciated the opportunity to attend the meeting in support of students. (video timestamp 39:02)

B. Chancellors' Reports

Chancellor Palmer provided an update on the following topics: special visitation days on the University of Alaska Southeast campus, partnerships, collaboration, community engagement, dual enrollment, hosting a FAFSA preparation session, and investment in occupational endorsement and certificates. (video timestamp 41:46)

Chancellor White provided an update on the following topics: his passion for communication and messages conveyed around campus and the state; the path to R1, enrollment, and its link to return on investment, an upcoming six-part series on enrollment, the edX platform, noting participation of 100,005 students. (video timestamp 47:00)

Chancellor Parnell expressed appreciation to the regents who attended commencements, said in recognition of Memorial Day, he thanked military members for their service and provided an update on the following topics: enrollment, retention, and recruitment, campus-hosted events and the selection of Regent Selimi as a 2024 Truman Scholar. (video timestamp 56:46)

C. President's Presentation and Report

President Pitney thanked Jennifer Ward the past Faculty Alliance Chair for her service and provided an update on the following topics: Vice President Layer's planned retirement, the selection of Diane O'Brien's lifetime term on the National Academy of Sciences board, the president's participation in external events, including the Arctic Encounter and the Symposium Sustainable Energy Conference, the 2024 commencement events, legislative accomplishments, including the Alaska Performance Scholarship, Technical Vocation and Education Program, and the Education Tax Credit and presented the "Staff Make Students Count" award to Jessica Salas, University of Alaska Anchorage, Jordan McCree, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Karl Sears, University of Alaska Southeast and Karesa Kramer, University of Alaska System Office (video timestamp 01:10:22)

5. UA Budget Discussion / FY25 Budget and FY26 Budget Guidelines

A. UA Budget Discussion / FY25 Budget and FY26 Budget Guidelines

Board members, President Pitney, and administrative staff discussed the university's FY25 and FY26 budgets. (video timestamp 01:39:32)

6. FY25 Budget Approval Items

A. Acceptance of the FY25 Operating Budget Appropriation and Approval of Distribution Plan

PASSED

"The Board of Regents accepts the FY25 Operating Budget Appropriation as presented. This motion is

effective May 23, 2024.”

Motion by Karen Perdue, second by Mary K Hughes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Not Present at Vote: Dale G Anderson, Stephen Colligan

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the FY25 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 23, 2024.”

Motion by Karen Perdue, second by Mary K Hughes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Seth Church, Stephen Colligan, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Not Present at Vote: Dale G Anderson

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 FY25 operating budget appropriation and discuss the operating funding distribution

B. Acceptance of the FY25 Capital Budget Appropriation and Approval of Distribution Plan**PASSED**

“The Board of Regents accepts the FY25 Capital Budget Appropriation, approves the 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 23, 2024.”

Motion by Karen Perdue, second by Mary K Hughes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Seth Church, Stephen Colligan, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Not Present at Vote: Dale G Anderson

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 FY25 capital budget appropriation and discuss the capital funding distribution.

C. Approval of the Proposed Adjustments to the UA Scholars Award Level**PASSED**

“The Board of Regents approves two significant revisions to the UA Scholars Program, which will take effect in fall 2024 for all UA Scholars: 1) increase the amount of the award from \$12,000 to \$15,000 to be distributed at \$1,875 per semester, and 2) to extend the expiration of the award to six years from the date of a student’s high school graduation. This motion is effective May 23, 2024.”

Motion by Karen Perdue, second by Mary K Hughes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Seth Church, Stephen Colligan, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Not Present at Vote: Dale G Anderson

Chief Financial Officer Fulp reviewed the proposed adjustments to the UA Scholars award level. (video timestamp 03:26:15)

D. Approval of the FY25 Natural Resources Fund Budget

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the proposed FY25 Natural Resources Fund Budget as presented. This motion is effective May 23, 2024."

Motion by Karen Perdue, second by Mary K Hughes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Seth Church, Stephen Colligan, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Not Present at Vote: Dale G Anderson

POLICY CITATION

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

RATIONALE

Per Regents' Policy 05.07.010(C), the 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 Endowment and Inflation Proofing Fund, 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.

FY25 Natural Resources Fund Budget	Approved FY24	Proposed FY25
Long-Term Commitments:		
University of Alaska Scholars Program	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000
<i>Advancing Enrollment Plans with Student Financial Aid (FY25-27)</i>	-	1,000,000
Land Management	970,000	970,000
System-based Scholarships	170,000	170,000
IANRE USDA Grant Match and Cooperative Extension Support	500,000	500,000
University of Alaska Press	120,000	120,000
Supporting Roadmap to Empower Alaska:		
Empower Alaska Campaign	-	465,000
Supporting Board Goals and Priorities Incentives	-	500,000
Achieving Cost Effective Operations Process Improvement	-	150,000
Supporting the Ad Hoc Committee for Enrollment (Consulting)	-	228,000
G&M Emerging Opportunities	200,000	-
UAA: Preparing Students for Careers in Alaska	400,000	-
UAF: Post Doc & PhD Student Support to Advance Tier 1 Research Strategy	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	-
Governance Support:		
Staff Development Fund	120,000	120,000
Faculty Initiative Fund	360,000	360,000
Other:		
Foundation Philanthropic Support	-	500,000
Mining and Petroleum Training Service (MAPTS) (one-time)	-	200,000
University of Alaska Press (one-time)	119,200	-
Leadership & Team Development (Innovation Fund)	140,000	-
NRF Budget Total	\$ 7,599,200	\$ 8,783,000
Reallocated from Prior Year Unexpended Balances	(388,200)	(1,200,000)
Spending Allowance	\$ 7,211,000	\$ 7,583,000

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 paid over a period of eight semesters. The award is available to the top

ten percent of the graduates from every high school in Alaska. While an increase to the award amount of \$3,000 is being recommended for FY 2025, an adjustment to the UA Scholars' budget line is not necessary for FY 2025 due to current distributions and forecasted participation rates for the upcoming year.

Advancing Enrollment Plans with Student Financial Aid (FY25-FY27): Consistent with recommendations by the UA Scholars Working Group that met in the spring of 2024, this line item provides for a proportional distribution of student financial aid funding for each university. The student financial aid funding is intended to support growing enrollment at each university. Administration may recommend incremental adjustments in FY 2026 and FY 2027 if system-wide enrollment targets are met. Funding for this line item will be reallocated from unspent prior year allocations of the UA Scholars Program.

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. 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).

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 ROADMAP TO EMPOWER ALASKA

Empower Alaska Campaign: "Empower Alaska" is the UA System's ongoing public awareness campaign, designed to raise the profile and reputation of the University of Alaska. Throughout the campaign, UA has engaged donors, the UA Foundation, alumni, students, staff, and faculty to help tell Alaskans about UA's impact on individuals and the state. The campaign has demonstrated that ongoing public awareness and advertising have a positive impact on the University's reputation, and an extension of the campaign is recommended.

Supporting Board Goals and Priorities Incentives: An initial investment of \$500,000 is being recommended to support an incentive program aimed at advancing board goals and priorities. The incentive program would be created to recognize employees advancing the University along the Roadmap to Empower Alaska.

Achieving Cost Effective Operations Process Improvement: Funds will be used to train, equip, and launch process improvement teams comprised of front-line staff who are doing the work, possess the knowledge to make meaningful improvements, and ready to implement lean innovation.

Supporting the Ad Hoc Committee for Enrollment (Consulting): The Ad Hoc Committee on UA's Empower Alaska Enrollment Strategies will address strategies focused on improving enrollment, retention, and graduation rates across the universities. A consultant will assist in the development of a systemwide enrollment and retention plan that will focus on growing enrollment and increasing the number of graduates to enhance the reputation of the universities and system and increase revenue.

GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

Staff Development Fund: Promote staff and supervisor training and development, recognition, and mentoring/coaching opportunities.

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.

OTHER

University of Alaska Foundation Philanthropic Support: This request is part of a larger rebalancing proposal between the UA Foundation and the University of Alaska that will come before the Board in September 2024. In that proposal, UA endowments will see a reduction of 30-basis points (bps) from 50 bps to 20bps. Current investment management fees for UA endowments are being used to support UA Foundation's operating activities. Therefore, a commensurate increase in philanthropic support is being recommended from the Natural Resources Fund, with the intent to provide this support from other revenue sources in the future.

Mining and Petroleum Training Service (MAPT) (one-time): UAF requests a one-time increment to support the transition of the MAPTS program to CTC and a new business model. (video timestamp 03:33:17)

7. Alaska College of Education Consortium Update

A. Alaska College of Education Consortium Update

Alaska College of Education Consortium (ACEC) Liaison Weiss led a presentation updating the board on the ACEC, accompanied by the deans of the Schools of Education: Dean Dousay, University of Alaska Anchorage; Dean Vinlove, University of Alaska Fairbanks; and Interim Dean Simon, University of Alaska Southeast. (video timestamp 03:57:48)

8. Board Governance Discussion

A. Discussion Regarding Board Governance

Regents Hughes led a discussion on board governance and board assessment.

9. 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 board self-assessment and to discuss matters that may have an adverse effect on the finances of the university related to legislative strategies. This motion is effective May 23, 2024."

Motion by Mary K Hughes, second by Karen Perdue.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Seth Church, Stephen Colligan, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Not Present at Vote: Dale G Anderson

The Board of Regents went into executive session at 1:43 p.m. and concluded an executive session at 3:16 p.m. Alaska Time in accordance with AS 44.62.310 to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which could affect the reputation or character of a person or persons related to board self-assessment and to discuss matters that may have an adverse effect on the finances of the university related to legislative strategies. The session included members of the Board of Regents, President Pitney, General Counsel Cooper, and such other university staff members as the president designated and lasted approximately 1 hour and 33 minutes.

***9.1. Direction to Create an Academic Plan for Teacher and Educator Preparation** (added)

PASSED

"The Board of Regents directs the creation of an academic plan for teacher and educator preparation prepared by the three universities and system office consistent with the Board's direction. This motion is effective May 23, 2024."

DIRECTION

The Alaska College of Education Consortium (ACEC) shall develop a coordinated academic plan prior to the November Board of Regents' meeting for program development, enrollment, and increased number of graduates, internships, and apprenticeships for UA teacher preparation and other education programs. The chancellors shall review and approve the plan. The ACEC Coordinating Committee and ACEC Liaison shall review new programs coming from the UAA, UAF, and UAS Schools of Education and submit an analysis and recommendation to the Vice President for

Academics, Students, and Research (VPASR) for consideration by the Academic Council. The ACEC will provide periodic updates on enrollment, accreditation, and program planning to the Board of Regents.

In addition, the ACEC will develop an integrated written plan prior to the November Board of Regents' meeting that fully documents and coordinates the development of federally registered apprenticeship programs that lead to licensed teaching professionals. The plan will enhance consistency with regard to competencies, cost, credit for prior learning, accreditation and federal coordination and other such relevant academic matters. Review and approval of the plan by the ACEC, VPASR, and Academic Council is required prior to moving forward with apprenticeships related to teacher education. The VPASR will share the plan with the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

Motion by Paula Harrison, second by Karen Perdue.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Seth Church, Stephen Colligan, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Not Present at Vote: Dale G Anderson

10. Future Agenda Items / Meeting Structure

A. Future Agenda Items / Meeting Structure

Board members and President Pitney discussed future agenda items and meeting structure. (video timestamp 05:00:47)

11. Committee Reports and New Business

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

In addition to the action items, the committee reviewed the program action request form, and the written reports included an enrollment report, an update on the student information modernization, the program approval and discontinuation listing, and notification of academic programs. (video timestamp 04:48:58)

B. Ad Hoc Committee for Recruitment, Retention, and Graduation

The committee held a special meeting on May 14, 2024, to discuss the universities' recruitment, retention, and graduation efforts.

The committee held a special meeting on April 26, 2024, to discuss the universities' recruitment, retention, and graduation efforts. (video timestamp 04:48:58)

C. Audit and Finance Committee

1. Approval of the FY25 Annual Internal Audit and Compliance Plan

PASSED

"The Audit and Finance Committee approves the annual audit and compliance plan for fiscal year 2025 as presented. This motion is effective May 22, 2024."

2. Committee Report

In addition to the action item, the committee received a three-year financial outlook briefing, heard the external auditor's comments, reports on the audit and compliance status, open audit recommendations, a federal relations report, a written report on the fiscal year 2025 risk financing strategies, and held an executive session. (video timestamp 04:48:58)

D. Facilities and Land Management Committee

In addition to the action items, the committee heard the land management third quarter report, received updates on the land grant initiative, the Alaska Leaders Archive, potential future revenue opportunities for the University of Alaska Fairbanks combined heat and power plant, the P3 hockey ice arena, written reports included an IT update, schedule of projects for potential board approval, capital project approvals – delegation of authority report, deferred maintenance and renewal spending report, deferred maintenance and renewal distribution reallocation report, and construction in progress reports and held an executive session.

The committee held a special meeting on March 21, 2024.

1. Lake Otis Ground Lease Proposal

PASSED

"The Facilities and Land Management Committee recommends that UA's Director of Land Management and the University of Alaska Anchorage continue negotiations within the general framework of the proposal under consideration, with the goal of bringing the Lake Otis ground lease proposed agreement to the Facilities and Land Management Committee and to the full board as soon as it is ready for review. This motion is effective March 21, 2024."

2. Committee Report

In addition to the action item, the committee held an executive session. (video timestamp 04:48:58)

12. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the consent agenda items 12.B.1-6., and 12.C.1-6., and 12.D.-F. as presented. This motion is effective May 23, 2024."

Motion by Scott Jepsen, second by Mary K Hughes.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Voting in favor: Seth Church, Stephen Colligan, Joey Crum, Paula Harrison, Mary K Hughes, Scott Jepsen, Dennis L Michel, Karen Perdue, Ralph Seekins

Not Present at Vote: Dale G Anderson

B. Academic and Student Affairs Committee - Items from May 22, 2024

1. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 10.02.040. - Academic Unit Establishment, Major Revision, and Elimination

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the revisions to Regents' Policy 10.02.040 - Academic Unit Establishment, Major Revision, and Elimination to (1) Move UAA Institute of Social and Economic Research out of College of Business and Public Policy to a stand-alone entity, (2) remove the Alaska State Climate Center from the University of Alaska Anchorage College of Arts and Sciences and relocate it into the University of Alaska Fairbanks Geophysical Institute where it has been housed since 2018, and (3) rename the University of Alaska Fairbanks College of Rural and Community Development to the College of Indigenous Studies (and re-alphabetize). The motion is effective May 23, 2024."

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE

Community Campuses

Kenai Peninsula College

Kodiak College

Matanuska-Susitna College

Prince William Sound College

College of Arts and Sciences

~~Alaska State Climate Center (AS-14.40.085)~~

College of Business and Public Policy

~~Institute of Social and Economic Research (AS 14.40.110)~~

College of Engineering

College of Health

School of Allied Health

School of Justice and Human Services

School of Nursing

School of Preventative and Therapeutic Sciences

Institute for Circumpolar Health Studies (AS 14.40.088)
School of Social Work
WWAMI School of Medical Education

Community and Technical College

~~Institute of Social and Economic Research (AS 14.40.110)~~

School of Education

University Honors College

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS
College of Business and Security Management

College of Engineering and Mines
Mineral Industry Research Laboratory (AS 14.40.115)

College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences
Institute of Marine Science (AS 14.40.080)
Seward Marine Center

~~College of Liberal Arts~~

~~College of Natural Science and Mathematics~~

~~College of Rural and Community Development~~

~~College of Indigenous Studies~~
Alaska Native Language Center (AS 14.40.117)
Bristol Bay Campus, Dillingham
Chukchi Campus, Kotzebue
Interior Alaska Campus, Fairbanks
Kuskokwim Campus, Bethel
Northwest Campus, Nome

~~College of Liberal Arts~~

~~College of Natural Science and Mathematics~~

Community and Technical College

Geophysical Institute
Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration – Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (ACUASI-RDT & E)
~~Alaska State Climate Center (AS 14.40.085)~~
Alaska Earthquake Center (AS 14.40.075)
Alaska Volcano Observatory (AS 14.40.075)
Poker Flat Research Range

Institute of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Extension
Cooperative Extension Service (federal mandate)
Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station (federal mandate)

Institute of Arctic Biology

International Arctic Research Center

Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center (AS 16.52.010-070)

Rasmuson Library

School of Education

University of Alaska Museum of the North

2. Approval of a Name Change for the Bachelor of Arts in Justice at the University of Alaska Anchorage

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves a name change for the Bachelor of Arts in Justice to the Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Alaska Anchorage. This motion is effective May 23, 2024."

3. Approval of a Master of Science in School Psychology - Specialist at the University of Alaska Anchorage

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves a Master of Science in School Psychology - Specialist at the University of Alaska Anchorage. This motion is effective May 23, 2024."

4. Approval of a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Early Childhood PreK-3rd Grade at the University of Alaska Anchorage

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves a Post-Baccalaureate Certification in Early Childhood PreK-3rd Grade at the University of Alaska Anchorage. This motion is effective May 23, 2024."

5. Approval of a Bachelor of Science in Energy Resource Engineering at the University of Alaska Fairbanks

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves a Bachelor of Science in Energy Resource Engineering at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. This motion is effective May 23, 2024."

6. Approval of a Bachelor of Arts in Wildlife Ecology and Society at the University of Alaska Fairbanks

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves a Bachelor of Arts in Wildlife Ecology and Society at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. This motion is effective May 23, 2024."

Facilities and Land Management Committee - Items from May 22, 2024

1. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 05.12. - Capital Planning and Facilities Management

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the revisions to Regents' Policy 05.12. - Capital Planning and Facilities Management as presented. This motion is effective May 23, 2024."

2. Approval of Revisions to Regents' Policy 05.06 - Procurement and Supply Management

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the revisions to Regents' Policy 05.06 - Procurement and Supply Management as presented. This motion is effective May 23, 2024."

3. Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Childcare Facility

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the formal project approval request for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Childcare Facility as presented in compliance with the approved campus master plan as amended in this request, and authorizes the university administration to proceed through schematic design at a cost of \$350,000 with an estimated total project cost of \$10,000,000. This motion is effective May 23, 2024."

4. Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Patty Center Pool Code Corrections and Renewal

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the formal project approval request for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Patty Center Pool Code Corrections and Renewal as presented in compliance with the approved campus master plan, and authorizes the university administration to proceed through schematic design at a cost of \$300,000 with an estimated total project cost of \$8,200,000. This motion is effective May 23, 2024."

5. Formal Project Approval for the University of Alaska Southeast Sitka Mariculture Program Expansion

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the formal project approval request for the University of Alaska Southeast Sitka Mariculture Program Expansion as presented in compliance with the approved campus master plan, and authorizes the university administration to proceed through schematic design and prepare construction documents at a cost of \$461,243 with an estimated total project cost of \$5,500,000. This motion is effective May 23, 2024."

6. Schematic Design Approval for the University of Alaska Anchorage Health Workforce Expansion & Diversity Project – Phase 2

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the schematic design approval request for the University of Alaska Anchorage Health Workforce Expansion & Diversity Project – Phase 2, as presented in compliance with the campus master plan, and authorizes the university administration to leverage federal funds in the amount of \$4,250,000 to complete construction bid documents to bid and award a contract within the approved budget, and contingent on an additional \$6,000,000 in pending funding from the State of Alaska and/or other funding sources, to proceed to completion of project construction not to exceed \$10,250,000 for Phase 2 of this project, with a combined total project costs for both Phase 1 and 2 of \$17,250,000. This motion is effective May 23, 2024."

D. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of February 23, 2024

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its regular meeting of February 23, 2024 as presented. This motion is effective May 23, 2024."

E. Approval of Minutes - Special Meeting of April 29, 2024

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its special meeting of April 29, 2024 as presented. This motion is effective May 23, 2024."

F. Approval of Minutes - Emergency Meeting of May 3, 2024

PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the minutes of its emergency meeting of May 3, 2024 as presented. This motion is effective May 23, 2024."

13. Generative AI at UA: Responsible Management of New Technology & Opportunities

Moved the presentation to the September 2024 board meeting.

14. Review UA Priority Strategies / Implementation Plan (eliminated due to time)

15. Empower Alaska Public Awareness Campaign Update (eliminated due to time)

16. Regents' Closing Comments

A. Regents' Closing Comments

Regent Colligan is looking forward to the AI presentation, noting AI has been around for 15 years, and stated appreciation for CFO Fulp's presentation addressing the entire needs of the university system and the mindfulness of its constituents.

Regent Church noted the university gets what it pays for and its affects on retention and graduation and challenged university executives to improve two-way communication with its staff.

Regent Crum stated the board is an opinionated bunch and its service is a labor of love without compensation.

Regent Michel thanked university executives for their efforts.

Regent Hughes shared highlights from the University of Alaska Anchorage 2024 graduation ceremony.

Regent Perdue thanked university executives for their work, noted the universities' focus on the positive outcomes, and stated the hard questions asked by the board equal care.

Regent Jepsen thanked university executives for their preparation and feedback.

Regent Harrison thanked everyone for doing what they do.

Faculty Alliance Chair Carroll said it was a pleasure to attend the meeting and is impressed with the process.

Staff Alliance Chair Houchin stated this was his last board meeting as a governance representative and thanked the board for hearing his reports, President Pitney and CHRO Dahl for being great collaborators regarding the staff compensation concerns, and Regent Church for mentioning the communication issue.

Coalition of Student Leaders Representative Hamlin thanked the board for having her, noting appreciation for the scholarship conversation.

Chancellor White stated appreciation for the teams' efforts.

Chancellor Parnell thanked the board for meeting in Anchorage and attending the campus tours.

Chancellor Palmer is grateful for the opportunity to spend time, listen, and learn during these meetings and thanked her team at UAS.

Chair Seekins is thankful for all the folks present during the board meetings and noted he will prepare a letter to the governor regarding support for the university's budget.

President Pitney thanked the board for its time. (video timestamp 05:22:48)

17. Adjourn

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Chair Seekins adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

18. Public Testimony, from May 20, 2024

Hailey Perkins, Toronto, Canada, University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) gymnastics team member, updated the board on the team's volunteer community activities.

Arriana Desouza, UAA gymnastics team member, stated the team is concentrating on student success at UAA and shared the academic successes of the team members.

Destiny Riemers, Iliamna, Alaska, spoke in support of changing the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) College of Rural and Community Development to the UAF College of Indigenous Studies.

Forest Wagner, University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) associate professor of outdoor studies, reviewed his work from the Faculty Initiative Fund (FIF) award and the cross-collaboration with the UAF Outdoor Adventures Student Recreation Center and thanked the board for supporting the FIF.

Natani Mayo, Fairbanks, stated appreciation for the board's continued support of Troth Yeddha' Indigenous Center.

Elizabeth Ripley, Mat-Su Health Foundation president and CEO, spoke in support of keeping the Mat-Su area trails as is, noting the conservation easement and stated the importance of working with community partners to craft a win-win for the university and Mat-Su with respect to landholdings in the greenbelt.

Sarah Lewis, Fairbanks, stated concerns regarding dual enrollment in the middle college programs and the funding for those programs.

Steve Noonkesser, Anchorage, spoke in support of approving the Post-Baccalaureate Certification in Early Childhood PreK-3rd Grade at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Frank Paskvan, Anchorage, spoke in support of transitioning the Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering to the Bachelor of Science in Energy Resource Engineering at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Greg Giauque, Mat-Su Middle College principal, shared the successes of the Class of 2024.

Sara Dykstra, Anchorage School District Social Emotional Learning director, spoke in support of approving the Master of Science in School Psychology - Specialist at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Bruno Grunau, National Renewable Energy Laboratory director, spoke in support of approving the Bachelor of Science in Energy Resource Engineering at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Carlee Simon, UAS School of Education interim dean, spoke in support of approving the Master of Science in School Psychology - Specialist at the University of Alaska Anchorage and her experience with school psychologists.

Clayton Holland, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District superintendent, spoke in support of approving the Master of Science in School Psychology - Specialist at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Togi Letuligasenoa, Fairbanks, thanked the board for its investment in UAF athletics and supporting collegiate athletics.

Stephanie Nowers, Mat-Su Borough Assembly member, thanked Chancellor White and Vice Chancellor Queen for their involvement with the Mat-Su community regarding the use of trails adjacent to the experimental farm.