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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 21, 2022
To: Sheri Buretta, Chair UA Board of Regents
Members, UA Board of Regents
Thru: Pat Pitney, UA President
From: UA System Governance Council
Re: Common Table Concept

At the System Governance Council's meeting on February 11, 2022, the members were presented with a proposal on a Common Table from the Staff Alliance's Ad hoc Shared Governance Committee (AhCSG). The members of the SGC support this proposal of a new mechanism for improving shared governance at the University of Alaska. For additional information and background, the proposal from the AhCSG is attached.

As you can see in the proposal, there are additional details that need to be resolved before the Common Table can be implemented. With this memorandum, the members of the SGC are **seeking your commitment to the concept of a Common Table**. Before we expend the very limited resources of all the governance groups on this effort, we're asking if you **will join us at the table**. There is clearly confusion and distrust around shared governance at UA and we're hoping the UA Regents see the importance of "diverse perspectives and informed decisions necessary to rebuild the university community and launch a culture of trust and empowerment for innovation and growth."

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Layer".

cc: Paul Layer, VP Academics, Students & Research
Pat Pitney, President, University of Alaska
Noel Romanovsky, Governance Support