System Governance Council
Resolution 2020-02
Reaffirm to the UA Board of Regents to Record and Post Its Meetings

WHEREAS, the System Governance Council requested (via Resolution 2018-01) in April 2018 that the University of Alaska (UA) Board of Regents (BOR) make and post recordings of the meeting livestream; and

WHEREAS, this request was made so that members of the public and university constituency, including faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members can stay abreast of current decisions and the rationale behind them, to better engage with university regents and administration, to be informed in a timely manner of decisions made by the board, and better understand how the board operates; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents responded by recording and posting the video of its September and November 2019 meetings; and

WHEREAS, it is the understanding of the System Governance Council that this decision was made by the previous chair; and

WHEREAS, this action is applauded by all governance groups; and

WHEREAS, with the election of a new Board of Regents Chair, the System Governance Council would like to emphasize the importance and value of these recordings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has not indicated that the practice of recording and posting the video of the public meeting will end; and

WHEREAS, the System Governance Council encourages the recording and posting the video of all future public Board of Regents Meetings.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the System Governance Council applauds the recording and posting of the video of all public Board of Regents Meetings and its continuation is essential to ensure open access to UA governance.

Heather Batchelder, Chair
January 13, 2020

Voting results: 5-0