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By email: jamaier@alaska.edu

RE: Resolution 2022-01

Dear Faculty Alliance Chair Maier,

Thank you for forwarding Resolution 2022-01 requesting that the Board of Regents “install the Faculty Alliance Chair as a non-voting *ex officio* member of the Board of Regents.”

The board cannot unilaterally change its membership to add additional regents; such a change would require legislative action. However, as you know, the board has already taken steps to give governance a greater voice. All governance leaders attend board meetings and have a literal seat at the table. As Faculty Alliance Chair, you have actively participated in board discussion and debate on a variety of topics, in addition to giving your formal governance report. In addition, I have appointed the Faculty Alliance Chair to serve as a non-voting *ex officio* member of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. Given these facts, the board has already substantively met Faculty Alliance’s request.

However, if you can identify specific concerns with your current role in board meetings that Faculty Alliance is seeking to address with this resolution, I would like to discuss them with you and potentially facilitate a future board discussion on governance participation in meetings.

I look forward to your continued participation in board meetings and value your input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheri Buretta".

Sheri Buretta, Chair
University of Alaska Board of Regents

cc: Board of Regents
Pat Pitney, Interim President, University of Alaska