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MEMORANDUM

TO: UA President

FROM: System Office Staff Council

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DATE: October 10th, 2022

RE: System Office Staff Council response to UA System Office Mission Statement

System Office Staff Council (SOSC) would like to thank the System Office Mission Statement Work Team for the extensive time and research they spent on the process of developing the System Office's first mission statement. SOSC has been in full support of this effort, which stemmed from the May 2021 [System Office Administrative Review](#) recommendation that the System Office formalize a mission statement "that explicitly affirms the role of the office".

SOSC received the final draft statement from President Pitney, which integrated feedback from the work team, and reads as follows:

Proposed System Office Mission Statement:

The University of Alaska System Office, through its support of the three universities' distinct missions, advances higher education and honors the Indigenous and diverse peoples of Alaska. The University of Alaska System Office manages corporate responsibilities, strategically stewards shared resources, and works with the universities to implement Regents' policies and directions to align with current and future needs of the state.

SOSC, as part of staff governance, has been asked to review the above before going to the Board of Regents meeting in November for its first reading. The draft statement was discussed at our council meeting in September. No revisions were proposed during that meeting. We feel that this statement succeeds in explicitly affirming the role of the System Office within the University of Alaska system.

Moving forward, SOSC would like the opportunity to participate in further discussions, whether in the form of a work team or other avenue, to expand on the mission statement, developing a corresponding vision statement for the System Office that will further define our role in the success of the three universities.