MEMORANDUM

TO: UA President

FROM: System Office Staff Council

DATE: January 12, 2023

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

System Office Staff Council (SOSC) would like to thank the Board of Regents for their work in considering a mission statement for the System Office. On December 7th we were asked to give feedback on the revisions made by the Board after the first reading on November 10th.

Original draft:
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.

BOR Proposed revision:
Through its support of the Board of Regents, the three universities with distinct missions and their community campuses, the University of Alaska System Office 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 discussed the revisions at our December 8th and January 11th meetings, and provides the following feedback.

SOSC approved the original draft mission statement and feels that version adequately captures what is needed. Beginning the statement with “The University of Alaska System Office” provides more clarity, as that is the subject of the statement. SOSC also feels adding support for the Board is redundant, as the Board is already mentioned as part of the list of responsibilities in the last part of the statement. If adding the community campuses, the following wording is suggested:

SOSC suggestion:
The University of Alaska System Office, through its support of the three universities and their community campuses with 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.