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Faculty Alliance

Resolution 2020-08

To Propose Regents' Policies Be Updated

WHEREAS, the NWCCU letter dated September 26, 2019, urged the Board of Regents “to take immediate steps to provide clarity around the authority, roles, and responsibilities of the University of Alaska System and its respective institutions and their leadership;” and

WHEREAS, there is ambiguity and a lack of defined roles for the chancellors in the current Regent’s Policies for the university system office and the separately accredited universities; and

WHEREAS, the three chancellors are the chief operating officers of their accredited universities, yet the current Regents’ policies do not clearly define their authority; and

WHEREAS, this inhibits the chancellors’ ability to carry out their responsibilities to respond to the requirements of state, federal, and regional agencies and accrediting bodies to govern their university effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Regents’ policies should be updated to reflect a clearer delegation of authority and responsibility between the university system president and the chancellors.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

The Faculty Alliance recommends that UA Regents’ Policies be updated in two sections— Regents’ Policy Part II – Administration Chapter 02.01 – University President P02.02.010. Academic Administration—to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the president, chancellors and Board of Regents to comply with the accrediting body and the US State Department of Education, and requests that the Board of Regents consider the recommendations generated by faculty from the three universities in the attached document to assist us in complying with accreditation requirements.

Adopted 8-0 (with one abstention) by the Faculty Alliance on the 20th day of October 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Williams".

Maria Williams, Chair