



Union of Students of the University of Alaska Anchorage

Resolution #20-03: Supporting the UAA Chancellor and Regional Leadership

SPONSORED BY: Legislative Affairs Committee

WRITTEN BY: Teresa Wrobel, *Government Relations Officer*
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ENDORSED BY: Jamie Bagley, *Vice President*

DATE: October 11, 2019

WHEREAS: The University of Alaska system has a chancellor for each of its three separately accredited universities; and,

WHEREAS: Chancellors are to be true CEOs of their university, a statement reaffirmed by the letter from the NWCCU regarding shared governance non-compliance and an article written by former UA chancellors; and,

WHEREAS: Chancellors have full knowledge and understanding of their universities and are appropriate to fill the role in conducting decisions and directions for said individual universities; and,

WHEREAS: UAA Chancellor Cathy Sandeen has met regularly with USUAA for feedback, and commands full confidence of USUAA in securing the needs of the UAA student body; and,

WHEREAS: Chancellor Sandeen has held a diverse range of leadership positions in higher education which include previous experience managing budgetary challenges, and has displayed that experience through her meaningful interactions with stakeholders at UAA; and,

WHEREAS: Beginning with drafting a response to the NWCCU's letter, UA chancellors alone will be best suited to continue to maintain a transparent relationship with students and exercise their power as regional decision-makers as the University of Alaska system moves forward.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

That the Union of Students of the University of Alaska Anchorage stands in full faith and confidence in the work and leadership of UAA Chancellor Cathy Sandeen and the framework of regional decision making; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Union of Students of the University of Alaska Anchorage applauds the UA Board of Regents' recent actions in halting statewide expedited reviews in favor for campus-specific reviews with full consultation and participation of the three UA chancellors; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to the University of Alaska Board of Regents, President James Johnsen; UAA Chancellor Cathy Sandeen, Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs Bruce Schultz, Faculty Alliance Chair Maria Williams, and Dean of Students Benjamin Morton.

PASSED BY A 11-0-0 VOTE OF THE USUAA ASSEMBLY

Approved Vetoed



Clare Baldwin, *Student Body President*

October 14, 2019

Date