

Sept. 9, 2019

Dear UA Community

The week ahead is very important, with the **Board of Regents meeting Thursday and Friday in Anchorage**, and two opportunities for public testimony. Please take a few minutes to view this week's [VIDEO MESSAGE](#) from UA President Jim Johnsen.

- Board of Regents **audio public testimony is tonight**, Sept. 9, from 4-6 p.m. Those interested in testifying can call 1-866-726-0757 to join the queue. The session can be heard live on KUAC at <http://kuacii.streamon.fm/>.
- The board also will hold **in-person public testimony during the full board meeting beginning at 8:15 a.m. on Sept. 12** in room 107 of Lee Gorsuch Commons on the UAA campus.

The September Board of Regents meeting will cover several important topics. In addition to the Anchorage location, teleconference sites will be open in Fairbanks in room 204 Butrovich Building and in Juneau, in UAS Administration Building, room 204. Watch from anywhere via livestream at [www.alaska.edu/bor/live](http://www.alaska.edu/bor/live).

For the first time, **the regents' meeting will be videotaped and archived** so if you can't tune in to watch the live stream in real time, you'll be able to find the meeting archived on the Board of Regents website.

These are the key topics discussed by President Johnsen in today's video message:

- Regents will hear about plans for **reducing administrative costs** through increased university integration.
- **A decision on the university's structure will not be made at this meeting**, it is anticipated to be discussed by the board in early November.
- The president will seek the **Board's direction to conduct expedited statewide program reviews** for eight academic organizations, and five areas including research, libraries and athletics.
- **Inter-university teams** will review how best to integrate, reduce or discontinue units and programs, and to identify issues that arise in the process of improving academic integration across the system.
- The **board will discuss tuition for the next two years**. Student governance groups will have the opportunity to provide input during October, prior to any decision in November.
- Regents will be asked to approve the current fiscal year, FY20, budget distribution, including **funding compensation increases for employees who's pay is more than 10 percent under market average**. Next year's budget will propose across the board compensation increases for all employees.

- From the market study, we know that 43 percent of UA employees are eligible for market-based compensation increase. Those adjustments will be spread over the next 3 years.
- The board also will preview next year's FY21 budget, and will approve the final draft in November.

More information on restructuring planning can be found at [www.alaska.edu/newua](http://www.alaska.edu/newua). The full board agenda can be found at [www.alaska.edu/bor/agendas](http://www.alaska.edu/bor/agendas).