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Dear Colleagues –

This morning, Chancellor Cathy Sandeen announced that she will be leaving her position as UAA chancellor in early January to assume the presidency of California State University East Bay. While we are proud that she has been recognized for her leadership abilities, we will miss her outstanding work and commitment to UAA.

In her three years as chancellor, she established a vision for UAA, set to work to engage the Anchorage community with innovative ideas, and has been successful in increasing philanthropic contributions to the university. She has pursued excellence for UAA even in the face of our decreasing budgets, the intensity of academic reviews and the onset of a global pandemic. I believe her leadership made a difference in the outcomes of those challenges, and we recognize her many contributions.

In the coming weeks, I will be working with CHRO Steve Patin and Chancellor Sandeen on a transition plan and the appointment of an interim chancellor.

We wish Cathy every happiness and the best of luck in her new position at Cal State East Bay.

Sincerely,  
Pat Pitney  
Interim President, University of Alaska