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Dear UA Community –

Yesterday the Board of Regents voted to rescind its June 4 motion to prepare a conceptual plan for merging the University of Alaska Southeast and the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and passed a new motion directing me to work with the chancellors and shared governance in a transparent and inclusive manner going forward.

Specifically, the board's decision includes:

- developing clarity and standards for administrative and instructional costs relative to student enrollment, and review structural options;
- analyzing opportunities and costs associated with a greater presence of fisheries and ocean science programs on the Juneau campus;
- redoubling efforts on collaboration across the system, program sharing, and partnerships with industry, communities, and tribal organizations; and,
- assuring the Alaska College of Education has clear roles and responsibilities for program delivery that address the priority of teacher education that are transparent and well-integrated across the system.

The board's action speaks to the need for greater collaboration across the UA system. I want to recognize the collaborative work already accomplished, efforts currently underway and encourage all of us to do more of it. We have an opportunity to work together as we review structural options to improve how the university provides programs, functions and services.

I am convinced that the success of the University of Alaska system will depend on our commitment to working together and also working with our communities and businesses to build trust.

As we look to the future, I'd like to hear about the collaborative work you are doing and your ideas for redoubling the effort to do more. Please take the time to provide your feedback on the [form](#) that we've established.

I'm so appreciative of faculty and staff for being flexible in these changing times, and for all that our staff is doing to assist the university. I encourage you to stay engaged as we work through this.

Thank you,
Pat Pitney