

Faculty Alliance

Resolution 2017-03

Regarding the Proposal to Consolidate the Colleges of Education at the University of Alaska

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the University of Alaska Board of Regents: 1) that the faculty shall share in the governance of the university, 2) that shared governance is an integral part of the business of the university, and 3) that participators in shared governance are empowered by the UA Board of Regents to carry out their governance responsibilities to the best of their abilities without interference or fear of reprisal.

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the Faculty Alliance is threefold: **Representation:** to provide official representation for the faculty of the University of Alaska in matters which affect the general welfare of the university system and its educational purposes and effectiveness; **Consultation:** To provide consultation to the UA Summit Team, UA vice president for Academic Affairs and Research, UA President and the UA Board of Regents; and **Communication:** To serve as an instrument by which information which is of interest and concern to the university system faculty may be freely collected, disseminated, coordinated, and discussed.

WHEREAS, when issues have statewide impact, the responsibilities of the Alliance may include, but are not limited to, coordination on matters relating to academic affairs such as academic

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WHEREAS, the UAA, UAS, and UAF Faculty Senates and the Faculty Alliance have all passed motions that no further actions should be taken out of Strategic Pathways until the process has been aligned with accreditation standards and established policy on faculty participation

WHEREAS, major structural changes to academic programs, which directly affect students and faculty, are among the most complex, disruptive and long-lasting changes that can occur at a university.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Faculty Alliance urges the Board of Regents and President Johnsen to:

- postpone the vote on eliminating the UAS School of Management and the vote on consolidating the UAA, UAF, and UAS colleges and school of Education until no sooner than the regularly scheduled BOR meeting in March 2017, so that faculty can vet the changes, and a detailed cost-benefit analysis can be performed; and
- work closely with the Faculty Alliance and the UAA, UAF, and UAS Faculty Senates to ensure that all budgetary and programmatic implications have been thoroughly assessed and all proposed changes have review and comment from established shared governance bodies before they are voted on by the Board of Regents.

Adopted unanimously by the Faculty Alliance the 9th day of November 2016.

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Tara Smith, Chair