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4. **The proposed regulations appear to have a contradiction in the definition of travel status.** The regulations state that a traveler is in travel status when leaving the university

considered being in travel status. For example, Faculty Alliance travelers from Fairbanks once spent nearly an entire day at Fairbanks International Airport waiting for a delayed flight that may never have taken off. Would those travelers been on travel status that day if the flight was eventually cancelled?

In conclusion, Faculty Alliance requests that any changes to travel UA regulations and process be evaluated with respect to, first and foremost, impact on the traveler. Cost savings to UA Statewide administration or university travel offices should have secondary consideration. Of course the optimal situation would maximize both ease of processing for administrative staff as well as for the traveler.

Any changes to travel regulation or process that reduce flexibility of the traveler to arrange, conduct, and finance travel activities will increase the total cost of travel in terms of time and energy spent by faculty and students tasked with advancing the university mission, negating any apparent savings recorded on a balance sheet. Furthermore, most faculty and graduate student travel is paid with external restricted funds and any added burden to justifying one form of payment over another simply discourages externally funded research and creative activities.