

Faculty Alliance

Resolution 2017-07

**Regarding the Statewide System Offices
of the University of Alaska**

Whereas, recurring reductions in state funding for the University of Alaska System necessitate significant changes to the University's current mode of operation; and

Whereas, the Board of Regents and President Johnsen have publicly emphasized the need for change and stressed that we, as a system, can no longer simply conduct business as usual; and

Whereas, efforts towards that end are currently led by the Strategic Pathways initiative and actions resulting from that process so far have focused on the universities and satellite campuses that comprise the UA system with insufficient focus on the Statewide System Offices; and

Whereas, a recent publication¹ shows 199 Statewide administrative positions in 2017 that

Whereas, both the external reviews of the University of Alaska system (MacTaggart Report², Fisher Report³) independently came to the conclusion that UA Statewide is an administrative support service with a cost that is disproportionately large relative to the services it provides; and

Whereas, both external reviews cite reductions to the UA system central office as the most feasible and meaningful effort towards fiscal viability and emphasize the need for a change from the current command and control approach to the UA System; and

Whereas, the University of Alaska system is a state-funded, non-profit institution and therefore committed to providing the public with high-quality education under the most cost-effective conditions; and

Whereas the UA Faculty Alliance believes strongly that the UA system should focus as much support as possible to areas that directly maintain and improve its ability to serve its core mission through teaching, research and service; and

Whereas the budget allocated to UA Statewide Offices does not directly produce graduates or student credit hours, nor does it conduct academic research; and

Whereas, the value of a compact, efficient, central administrative office that provides analysis and recommendations to the Board of Regents and the Chancellors is duly recognized, the Faculty Alliance, through open discourse followed by consensus among stakeholders, seeks to identify a clear route to a revised central office that more closely fits that description; and

Whereas, the Statewide Transformation Team

