The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following at Meeting #206 on April 6, 2015:

## **MOTION**:

The UAF Faculty Senate affirms by acclamation the election of Dr. Orion Lawlor as the Faculty Senate President-Elect for 2015-2016.

EFFECTIVE: Term of office begins at the May 2015 meeting when the 2015-16 Faculty Senate is convened.

RATIONALE: A single eligible nomination has been accepted for the President-Elect position. Unless further nominations are made and accepted, a secret ballot election need not be held. Acclamation of the single nominee's election will suffice.

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President, UAF Faculty Senate

## PERSONAL STATEMENT: DR. ORION LAWLOR

By clearly articulating the faculty's voice and working constructively with the administration, regents, and state legislature, the faculty senate has the ability to transform our state budget cuts from a crisis into an opportunity to improve our university. This is our chance to renew our focus on our tripartite mission, to free both students and faculty by removing the unnecessary barriers to what we all love about the university: discovering and sharing knowledge.

During these challenging budget years, it is tempting to operate defensively, doing things the way we've always done them, and leave the hard decisions to the administration. But shared governance means the faculty senate should not force our administrators to make these difficult choices without our advice, just as they should not make them without our consent.

Since I first set foot on the UAF campus for a high school summer program in 1992, while earning two bachelor's degrees as an undergraduate from 1995 to 1999, and since returning as a faculty member in 2005, I've continued to be amazed by this institution's drive, innovation, and openness. I would be honored to help the faculty senate shape UAF into a vibrant and engaged arctic university!

## Professional Preparation

- U. Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Computer Science, PhD, 2005
- U. Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Computer Science, MS, 2001
- U. Alaska Fairbanks, Computer Science, BS, 1999
- U. Alaska Fairbanks, Mathematics, BS, 1999

## Appointments

Associate Professor, Computer Science, U. Alaska Fairbanks, 2012–present. Assistant Professor, Computer Science, U. Alaska Fairbanks, January 2005–2012.