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TO: UAF Faculty, Staff, Students

FROM: Faculty Senate, Staff Council, Associated Students of UAF

DATE: November 25, 2015

RE: Board of Regents Public Testimony, Dec 10-11, 2015

The leaders of UAF's shared governance organizations are inviting their constituent members to prepare commentary for presentation during public testimony at the upcoming Board of Regents (BOR) meeting in Fairbanks December 10-11, 2015.

Public testimony is scheduled for 9-10am on Thursday, December 10 and 10-11am on Friday, December 11. Sign up sheets will be available beginning at 8am both days in Butrovich Room 109. Full agenda are available at alaska.edu/bor.

Employees and students are asked to share their unique, diverse perspectives with regard to recent budgetary challenges at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Bearing in mind UAF's primary mission to "*educate students for active citizenship and prepare them for lifelong learning and careers*," commenters are urged to prepare statements emphasizing personal knowledge and expertise about the student experience at UAF, including ways student life and work may have changed in the face of constrained resources and services.

As Brian Rogers observed, budget cuts at UAF have resulted in "reduced services, slower response times [...], and reduced central and program support." As faculty, staff, and students, we have witnessed these changes and their effects on the diminished potential for student success across the university. We encourage our colleagues and classmates to share their stories at this time.

Testimony about extraordinary service or achievements is also welcome, and always important to share.

Please keep in mind that statements should be no longer than three minutes per individual. If multiple speakers would like to testify on the same specific issue, the Regents have asked that those speakers address the board as a group. For assistance preparing your testimony, please contact your governance representatives, or consult the attached "Do's" document.

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