

## **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR DR. CHRIS FALLEN**

**WHEREAS**, Chris Fallen has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) in the UAF Faculty Senate for seven years; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris Fallen has served as a Senator to the UAF Faculty Senate from 2011-12 through 2014-15; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris Fallen has served as Alternate to the UAF Faculty Senate in 2015-16; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris Fallen served on the Faculty Affairs Committee from 2011-12 through 2015-16, and chair for the Faculty Affairs Committee from 2014-15 through 2015-16; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris Fallen served as President-Elect of the UAF Faculty Senate in 2016-17; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris Fallen has served as President of the UAF Faculty Senate during the current academic year where he continued shared collaborative documents to maximize efficiency for Senate Meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris Fallen has represented UAF Faculty Senate on Faculty Alliance with our colleagues from the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) and the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) to advance education outcomes across the UA system; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris Fallen's dry sense of humor enlivens Senate meetings while reminding us of important principles of shared governance and the need to treat people kindly and with respect; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris Fallen is an excellent facilitator and has always made an effort to bring everyone's voices into the conversation in a productive way, while not imposing his personal views, thus exemplifying a servant leader; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris Fallen has been diligent about responding to input from Senators and attending the myriad of meetings at which his presence is desired; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris Fallen would rather be "Keeping Calm" in the Tesla Roadster in orbit than participating in the politics of another Faculty Senate meeting, which he could probably control through HAARP; and

**WHEREAS**, Chris Fallen could identify readily the senators that were effectively "in space," rather than being mindful at the Senate meetings, and bring them back through fervent laughter; and

Higgs boson walks into a church, and the priest says, 'I'm sorry we don't allow Higgs bosons to come to churches.' And [the Higgs] says, 'But without me, you can't have mass.'

**WHEREAS**, Chris Fallen diligently advocated for thoughtful, intelligent actions by the Faculty Senate and encouraged senators to discuss and research issues pertinent to the UAF community, all the while directing the important research and business of generating artificial auroras at the HAARP Facility as evidenced at #haarpexplodingspaceunicornsatuaffairbanks;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the University of Alaska Fairbanks Faculty Senate acknowledges and proclaims that Dr. Chris Fallen has been a stellar Faculty Senate President, and we look forward to his leadership next year as Chair of the Faculty Alliance.