

The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following at meeting #230 on March 5, 2018:

**RESOLUTION**  
**Commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UAF Faculty Senate**

Whereas January 2018 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first meeting of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Faculty Senate, called to order by Ron Gatterdam at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 1988 in the Wood Center Ballroom; and

Whereas the voting members present were B. Barnes, C. Brennen (for Marum), R. Carlson, B. DiCecco, J. Duff, L. Duffy (for Newberry), M. Falk, R. Gabrielli, R. Gatterdam, D. Hagstrom, L. Husley, D. Jones, R. Krejci, J. Leipzig, D. Lokken, S. MacLean, E. Madsen, J. McKendrick, L. Milner, J. Morton, H. Nielsen, R. Ostermann, R. Piacenza, J. Reynolds (for Goering), R. Schroeder, D. Smith, W. Smoker, B. Sponder, D. Stephens, R. Tabbert, K. Torgerson, A. Weflen, and F. Wooding; and voting members absent were R. Highsmith, R. Logan, R. Seifert, and J. Shuler; and the non-voting members present were J. Drew, G. Mohatt, S. Schwael, and Wilhelm (for A. Tremarello); and

Whereas the opening comments by VCAA Wayne Thomas included a welcome to members of the new Senate, noted the importance of Humanities and Social Sciences in the Baccalaureate Core Proposal, urged the Senate to consider how the Graduate Council will fit into processes of the new Senate, informed that the UAF will have difficulty functioning under the new Alaska procurement law, and warned that compensation issues for faculty and staff need to be addressed otherwise the university will continue to lose good people; and

Whereas the first order of business was the Election of Officers, electing David Smith as President, John Leipzig as President-Elect, Rudolph Krejci as Chair of the Promotion and Tenure Committee, and Dennis Stephens as Chair of the Service Committee; and

Whereas the Senate moved to direct the Assembly Committee to consider several actions, failed to adopt a tentative calendar of meetings, and moved to direct the President to form an ad hoc committee on the calendar; and

Whereas the Senate President announced during the second meeting, held on Wednesday, February 17 in the Library Media Classroom, that Agendas and Minutes will be distributed by Computer and that the following Senate meetings will be held in the Wood Center Ballroom, where Senate still meets today; and

Whereas Chancellor P. O'Rourke remarked during the second meeting about the need to maintain open lines of communication between the four representative groups at UAF--The Executive Council of Deans, Directors, the Vice Chancellors, and the three Presidents from Faculty Senate, Assoc. Students of the University of Alaska (ASUA)--The Faculty Senate, the Staff Council, and ASUA; and

Whereas the Senate moved during its second meeting to adopt three Basic Assumptions and seven Guiding Principles as the framework for development of UAF tenure and promotion policies and

regulations, including the assumption that each school and college within the University has a tripartite responsibility that includes teaching, research, and service:

*Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the UAF Faculty Senate—*

Recognizes the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first meeting of the UAF Faculty Senate;

Continues to support the UAF mission of educating students for active citizenship; preparing them for lifelong learning and careers by way of teaching, research, and service emphasizing the circumpolar North and its diverse peoples.

Finds itself immersed in a common effort begun in 1988 with the purpose of unifying the faculty throughout Alaska to respond to the impact of an economic crisis on higher education systems across the state;

Honors the Senate's founders, their successors, and their collective determined efforts as the Senate continues to look to their example while navigating similar storms these three decades later.

Integrates the faculty and campuses throughout Alaska, giving the faculty one voice in the protection and advancement of academics for the benefit of all Alaskans;

Reaffirms its support of shared governance at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the University of Alaska system;

Recognizes Alaska Board of Regents' Policy stating that the University of Alaska Fairbanks Faculty Senate is formed so that the faculty may carry out its professional responsibility as the legislative body of the University of Alaska Fairbanks in matters of instruction, research/creative activity, and service;

Calls upon the President of the University of Alaska system and administrators in the system to abide by strong principles of shared governance according to Board of Regents' and the Constitution of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Faculty Senate.

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