

**University of Alaska Fairbanks
Staff Council**

Resolution 2015-E-2

Approved

October 20, 2015

UAF Staff Council approved the following motion electronically, on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015:

Resolution in Support of Transforming the University of Alaska’s Statewide Office: A Statewide Transformation Team Report (September 2015)

In response to the report submitted by the UA Statewide Transformation Team to President Jim Johnsen on September 25, 2015 and distributed to employees for comment on September 29, UAF Staff Council sought review from its members regarding general support for the materials contained therein.

WHEREAS, the Statewide (SW) Transformation Team was convened in March 2015 by UA President Pat Gamble to “review [Statewide] office programs and services and make recommendations to ensure SW work is tied to its essential purpose, efficient in use of resources, and effective in delivering results”; and

WHEREAS, the Transformation Team determined the SW office “[...] exists to provide leadership, broad policy and strategic direction, and a certain level of support to the three universities in its system,” of which UAF is the founding and flagship institution; and

WHEREAS, UAF Staff Council recognizes the need for a SW office that is “[...] lean, smart, and valued for its service”; and

WHEREAS, Staff Council also acknowledges the deliberate, balanced, and capable representation among SW Transformation Team membership; and

WHEREAS, its report serves to clarify the function and purpose of SW components, as well as prioritizing efficiency, collaboration, and accountability—virtues Staff Council generally supports and aims to foster; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that UAF Staff Council supports the recommendations of the Statewide Transformation Team, as contained in their September 2015 report “Transforming the University of Alaska’s Statewide Office,” and encourages UA President Jim Johnsen, his Summit Team, and UA Vice Chancellors of Administration to implement this report’s recommendations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that UAF Staff Council wishes to focus further attention on the process of implementation, including efforts to “improve transparency to foster equity and consistency across the system,” as well as assurance that appropriate support will follow relocated roles and functions.

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Faye Gallant, President, UAF Staff Council

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