

**University of Alaska Fairbanks  
Staff Council**

**Resolution 2017-280-E1**

***Approved***

April 4, 2017

UAF Staff Council unanimously approved the following motion by electronic vote on April 4, 2017:

**Resolution 2017-280-E1:**

**Resolution in Support of the Addition of Faculty and Staff Regents to the University of Alaska Board of Regents**

**WHEREAS**, State of Alaska Statute AS 14.40.120, in combination with AS 14.40.130 codifies the composition of the University of Alaska Board of Regents to include a student Regent, but currently does not include any faculty or staff Regents; and

**WHEREAS**, many institutions of higher education, including public universities in the state of Kentucky and Washington's Gonzaga University, include Staff Regent or Trustee designations, to positive and inclusive effect; and

**WHEREAS**, the [2012 Cornell Higher Education Research Institute Survey of Faculty Trustees](#) reveals that many universities have included faculty members in their governing boards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cornell survey notes that "discussions of "best practices" for governing boards consistently cite improved relationships with university employee stakeholders as one of the characteristics of highly effective boards;" and

**WHEREAS**, several advantages of faculty and staff members of governing boards have been identified, including that a) these board members "come to appreciate better the challenges that the president and others face in leading the institution internally when complex issues are under discussion;" b) there is "shared information about board deliberations" and demystification of board processes; and c) board members "experienced in how things really work at the highest levels of deliberation is a valuable component of the broader faculty's understanding of how issues are resolved at the board level."<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 'Faculty Members on Boards of Trustees: The 2012 Cornell Higher Education Research Institute Survey of Faculty Trustees' by Ronald G Ehrenberg, Richard Patterson, Andrew Key

<sup>2</sup> [www.agb.org/trusteeship/2010/julyaugust/the-virtues-of-student-and-faculty-trustees](http://www.agb.org/trusteeship/2010/julyaugust/the-virtues-of-student-and-faculty-trustees)

**Resolution 2017-280-E1 (cont.)**

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**WHEREAS**, current faculty and staff of the University of Alaska possess a wealth of institutional knowledge and serve a vital role in promoting the health and well-being of our state's universities; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the UAF Staff Council goes on record to support the modification of the State of Alaska Statute, as needed, to legislate the addition of, at least, one faculty member and one staff member to serve as voting members on the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

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Nate Bauer, President, UAF Staff Council

April 5, 2017

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