

whatever direction the board takes, and needs administration to be the cheerleaders, to earn staff trust and staff promises to do the same.

Brooke Hansen, Coalition of Student Leaders representative and Union of Students of the University of Alaska Anchorage president, stated the coalition is having difficulty organizing during the pandemic, noting without a quorum, meetings cannot occur; mentioned the reorganization of the UA System Governance Office and said a more substantial report would be provided during the February 2021 meeting.

Heather Batchelder, Faculty Alliance chair, thanked the faculty, staff, and administration for assisting the students during the pandemic learning environment; stated concern for the reduce opportunity for public testimony, noting the time for public input has been reduce during the board meetings; thanked Cachet Garrett for her service as student regent; mentioned appreciation to the board for seeking a student representative, noting the representative does not have voting authority similar to the student regent; stated the UA system review needs to be an objective process, provide cost savings, an opportunity to create shared services, a supportive statewide environment and to send a positive message to students and the Legislature; said faculty are concerned about the programs that were discontinued and those currently under review, indicating a cost analysis is necessary before more programs are discontinued; stated appreciation for the Alaska Native and Indigenous student, faculty, and staff success initiative to review equity at UA; noted faculty are meeting with the Alaska Native Studies Council to review student dropout rates, loss of Native faculty, creating leadership roles for the underserved group and reducing systemic racism; said cultural safety is necessary for Alaska Native students to succeed at UA and stated the alliance stands in solidarity to honor the Indigenous cultures and is committed not only to honor the people and the lands but to respect authority.

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4. Governance Committee

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A. Discussion Regarding Board Governance

Regent Hughes provided an overview of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB) work regarding racial diversity, equity, and inclusion, noting the AGB statement will help inform the Board of Regents' discussion regarding the Alaska Native and Indigenous student, faculty, and staff success initiative and said she would present the AGB statement during the Board of Regents' June 2021 meeting.

5. Executive Session

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7. UA System Office: Structure, Roles, and Budget

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Interim President Pitney and Chief Finance Officer Dosch provided information regarding the UA System's structure, roles, and budget.

8. Alaska Native and Indigenous Students, Faculty, and Staff Success Initiative Update

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Interim President Pitney provided an update on the Alaska Native and Indigenous students, faculty, and staff success initiative.

9. SB241 Report on Teacher Preparation

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Vice President Layer and Alaska College of Education Executive Dean Atwater reviewed the University of Alaska's biennial SB241 Report on Teacher Preparation.

10. Approval of Resolution of Support for the University of Alaska Land Grant Conveyance

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PASSED

"The Board of Regents approves the resolution of support for the University of Alaska Land Grant Conveyance. This motion is effective January 15, 2021."

Motion by Darroll R Hargraves, second by John Davies.

