Statement for UA BOR

f rom Chair of Faculty Alliance

July 30, 2019

Dear UA BOR:

Thank you for allowing me to read a very brief statement for your July 30th

meeting.

These are extraordinary times and I want to thank each and everyone of you for your advocacy

in the area o f higher education and the additional hu ndreds o f hours you are each spending on

UA communique’s, reports, and countless emails.

I wish to thank Chancellor Sandeen, Chancellor Caulfield, and Chancellor White, and th eir

respecti ve Facul ty Senate Presidents, senior faculty, senior administrators and staff on coming

together in a true shared governance fashion to discu ss, share and analyze the future of the UA

system and our three separately accredited universities.

Alaska is my home state, and Anchorage is my home town

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where I was born and raised. The

University system is vital to the future of the state and all the faculty, staff and stud ents are

dedicated to guiding us to a better and more sustainable future and it is a testament to the

strength of the relationship between the three Chancellors, the three Faculty Senate Presidents

as they have been working together to discuss the models

and options

that President Johnsen

The three universities are now examining ways i n which they can act as a consortium;

maintaining their separate accreditations, but aligning and sharing aspects of the University

that will make it even more efficient and also result in student success.

Student success will always be the number one lens

in which faculty examin e pro posed

changes,

and i s certainly on my radar as th e UA system move

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towards establishing a new

model or restructure.

Faculty are the ‘guardians’ of curriculum and we deeply appreciate that

Chancellor Sandeen, Chancellor Caulfied and Chancellor White have engaged

our voices.