

Faculty Alliance

October 30, 2008

TO: Mark R. Hamilton, President of the University
Dan Julius, Vice-President, Academic Affairs

FROM: Jon Dehn, Member, Faculty Alliance

RE: Alliance actions, October 29, 2008

The Faculty Alliance discussed the recent reassignment of the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, Patrick Brown, at the University of Alaska Southeast. In accordance with our role to address faculty concerns, and on behalf of the affected faculty we have passed a motion requesting clarification of the reassignment. The Alliance is very concerned about the direct impact to the work environment of UAS faculty, the precedent this sets for the university, and its potential impact on accreditation throughout the UA system.

The Alliance chair, Jill Dumesnil, has recused herself with regard to transmitting this motion since she is a member of the affected faculty.

cc: Interim Chancellor Rogers UAF, Chancellor Ulmer UAA, Chancellor Pugh UAS
Provost Henrichs UAF, Provost Driscoll UAA, Interim Provost Everett
UA Board of Regents
Faculty Alliance Members, Faculty Senates UAF, UAA, UAS



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MOTION RELATING TO ACADEMIC PERSONNEL

The Faculty Alliance has recently become aware of the abrupt dismissal of the dean of the UAS School of Arts and Sciences. While we realize that administrators serve “at will,” we are concerned that this termination has the appearance of being arbitrary and capricious, which is very detrimental to morale and sets a dangerous precedent for the entire university system. We are further concerned that such actions could adversely impact accreditation and ultimately the mission of UAS and of the university system as a whole. We believe that any executive decision that has a direct impact on faculty such as the removal of a dean needs to be explained to the faculty to facilitate a healthy and open environment.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the parties responsible for the termination of the dean immediately meet with the UAS School of Arts and Sciences faculty and explain the situation.

Distribution: faculty senates, president, provosts, chancellors and the Board of Regents.

Motion passed unanimously by UA Faculty Alliance on October 29, 2008.

