



Union of Students of the University of Alaska Anchorage

Resolution #23-02: Supporting UA Faculty

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COMMITTEE: Legislative Affairs

DATE: September 28, 2022

WHEREAS: The Union of Students at the University of Alaska Anchorage (USUAA) recognizes that faculty are essential for student success and are crucial for the world-class education that students at the University of Alaska (UA) receive; and,

WHEREAS: For the University of Alaska to remain attractive to prospective students—whether they be statewide, national, or global—the institution must have quality instructors and faculty, which necessitates fair and respectful treatment, and competitive contracts to retain current faculty and attract prospective faculty; and,

WHEREAS: The University of Alaska will continue to lose students if quality faculty are not brought to its institutions, and faculty retention will be negatively impacted by a lack of competitive contract agreement; and,

WHEREAS: The Faculty Labor Unions (UNAC) and the UA Administration have reached a [tentative agreement](#) on the faculty contract, and commend the goals of the University Administration being “to support our faculty through fair wage and benefits increases while ensuring the agreement is financially sustainable”; and,

WHEREAS: Faculty play one of the most influential and critical roles for us as students at the University and are paramount to our development and success at UAA; as such it is of the utmost importance that the faculty’s needs are fulfilled through their contract agreement with the University; and,

WHEREAS: Providing appropriate measures in a competitive contract is not only a direct investment in our faculty, but also an indirect investment in the success of UA's students and overall prosperity of Alaska.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

The Union of Students at the University of Alaska Anchorage recognizes the importance of the contributions that the UA Faculty provide and supports the UA Faculty in their efforts to achieve a fair, equitable, and competitive contract; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Union of Students at the University of Alaska Anchorage encourages both the University of Alaska Administration and United Academics (UNAC) to resolve the mediation in a speedy manner for the stability of the University; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Union of Students at the University of Alaska Anchorage calls upon both the University of Alaska Administration and United Academics (UNAC) to continue *good faith bargaining* in their endeavor to resolve negotiations; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Union of Students at the University of Alaska Anchorage shall send a copy of this resolution to: The Board of Regents, President Pat Pitney, the UA Faculty Alliance, the UA Coalition of Student Leaders, United Academics, UAA's Faculty Senate, UAF's Faculty Senate, UAS's Faculty Senate, Chancellor Sean Parnell, Provost Denise Runge, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Deanne Woodard, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services Ryan Buchholdt, and Dean of Students Ben Morton.

PASSED BY A 9-0-0 VOTE OF THE USUAA ASSEMBLY



Katie Scoggin, Student Body President

Approved

Vetoed

Date: 11/4/2022