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RE: UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA vs. UNITED ACADEMICS-AAUP/AFT. 17-1706-SP

Dear Mr. Rickard and Mr. Bacon:

This letter confirms receipt of the joint request by the parties for appointment of mediation services from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) on Mar 31, 2017.

Both the University of Alaska (University) and United Academics-AAUP/AFT (United Academics) agree the parties are at impasse and have asked the Alaska Labor Relations Agency (ALRA) to appoint a mediator pursuant to 8 AAC 97.270(b). 8 AAC 97.270(b) provides:

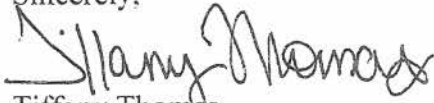
If, in accordance with AS 23.40.190, the labor relations agency finds that negotiations between a public employer and an employee representative have reached an impasse, the agency will request a mediator appointed by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services.

Based on review and investigation of the parties request for the appointment of mediation, I find the parties are at impasse. Under AS 23.40.190, by copy of this letter, I am requesting the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to appoint a mediator. Please contact FMCS directly to make arrangements:

Beth Schindler, Regional Director
Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service
2001 6th Ave, Suite No 310
Seattle, WA 98121
(206) 553-5800

I am pleased that the parties have agreed to mediate and wish both parties success in mediation. After mediation has concluded, I request the parties let me know the outcome, and whether further processing of the case filed with the Agency needs to occur. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tiffany Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T".

Tiffany Thomas
Hearing Officer