



ADVOCACY UPDATE

- The UA BOR terminated the declaration of financial exigency on 20 August 2019! Please find attached a copy of the email that was sent to the BOR on your behalf on 16 August 2019.
- The UNAC Representative Assembly had a special meeting on Friday 23 August 2019 from 3:02-4:33pm by Zoom. The RA passed the following motion:

Rationale: An agreement between the Alaska Governor and UA BOR Chair signed on 13 August 2019 reduced the UA operating budget cut for the AY19-20 from \$136 million to \$25 million. On 20 August 2019, the BOR terminated the declaration of financial exigency effective 19 August 2019. Consequently, the rationale for the MOA was no longer in effect.

Motion: Cancel the faculty review MOA signed on 6 August 2019 and reinstate all faculty reviews with a two-week delay for file submission, unit peer committee review, and candidate response to unit peer committee recommendation.

The RA discussed the issue of external review letters. As this is the responsibility of the dean or director, letters not coming in will not affect a member's review. The dean or director provides a memo that includes how many letters were requested and how many were received.

The RA also discussed information cards to be distributed to the membership and being more involved in important union decisions.

The next special RA meeting will be on Zoom on Friday 13 September 2019 from 3:30-5pm.

- In accordance with the CBA effective 15 September 2019, the university will make \$300,000 available for faculty development. You will be notified about how to apply for these funds by the university.

- The MOA to extend the collective bargaining agreement by one year will remain in effect. A copy of the MOA is attached for your review. The negotiation team will continue preparations for negotiations in spring and summer of 2020, and negotiations will commence in August 2020 when the financial future and structure of the university will hopefully be much clearer.

THE MOAS REGARDING FACULTY REVIEW AND SABBATICAL LEAVE WERE RESCINDED ON 26 AUGUST 2019

- The MOA to rescind the MOA that suspended all faculty reviews for the AY19-20 is attached for your review. All faculty receive two additional weeks to submit their annual activity report or their review file. **The review materials are now due to the dean, director, or designee on 26 September 2019!** The unit peer-review committee will also receive an additional two weeks to complete their reviews.
- The MOA to rescind the MOA that suspended all sabbatical applications for the AY19-20 is attached for your review. All regular timelines and procedures for sabbatical applications will be followed.

TIME SENSITIVE: MEMBER ACTION

- **Labor Day Parade in Fairbanks!** You are invited to participate in this year's Fairbanks 35th Labor Day Parade (see attached flier) on Monday 2 September 2019. The parade starts at noon at the Noel Wien Library and a lunch picnic will be served from 1-4pm in Pioneer Park.
- If you have not completed the survey during the past three weeks, please complete this [brief snap survey](#) to help us improve communication. It should take less than 1 minute to complete. Thank you!!
- We will be reaching out to you in the next few weeks to ask you to complete a card to encourage everyone to be more involved in our union.

*This message is intended for represented faculty of UNAC.
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