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Dear United Academics Colleague,

As I communicated to you in late March, the University of Alaska and your union, United Academics AAUP/AFT Local 4996, reached impasse in negotiating a new collective bargaining agreement. Earlier this week in Anchorage, your UNAC negotiation team met for two days with the UA negotiation team and a federal mediator to continue negotiations.

While difficult, the mediation was encouraging and I am optimistic that we may be able to reach tentative agreement with UA on a new CBA soon. Once tentative agreement is reached, the new CBA will need to be ratified by the UNAC Representative Assembly and then by affirmative votes of both UNAC members and the UA Board of Regents. Your UNAC negotiation team will keep you updated as we work toward finalizing a new UA/UNAC CBA.

Thank you for your ongoing support of your union and UA/UNAC negotiations,

Tony Rickard
UAF.