

**United Academics AAUP-AFT Local 4996**

**Executive Board Meeting**

**Minutes - approved**

**Date:** Wednesday, August 21, 2024 **Time:** 9:30-11:30 am AKDT

<b>CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:33AM</b>	
<b>Land Acknowledgement</b>	
<b>Statement on Racial Justice and Social Equity</b>	
<b>Roll Call</b> Members present: <b>Abel Bult-Ito, Jill Dumesnil, Cindy Trussell, Doug Cost, Andrea Dewees, Ryan Harrod</b> Members absent: <b>None</b> Staff: <b>Melanie Arthur, Kate Quick</b> Guests: <b>None</b>	
<b>Motion to Approve 2024-08-21 agenda passed</b>	
<b>Motion to approve minutes from 2024-07-17 passed.</b>	
<b>REPORTS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● President <b>No Report.</b></li><li>● Secretary <b>No Report.</b></li><li>● Treasurer <b>No Report.</b></li><li>● VP UAA <b>Report provided.</b></li><li>● VP UAF <b>Report provided.</b></li><li>● VP UAS <b>Report provided.</b></li><li>● VP Extended sites <b>Report provided.</b></li></ul>	

- Contract Manager

Report provided.

- Organizing Manager

Report provided.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Negotiation update.

Update was provided.

2. Meeting time

First and Third Thursday of the month 8:30-10:00 am.

3. Sharing UNAC calendars with UA calendar

Everyone has been able to do this.

4. Credit card for UNAC president and staff.

Motion to approve a United Academics credit card for President Jill Dumesnil, Contract Manager Melanie Arthur, and Organizing Manager Kate Quick with a monthly limit of \$10,000 per credit card passed unanimously.

5. United Academics resolution for the AFL-CIO convention.

Should have been approved by the EBoard before submission. Abel apologized for not using the correct process.

Motion to endorse the resolution below passed:

### **Resolution of the Alaska AFL-CIO to Increase Funding to the University of Alaska**

Whereas the University of Alaska is a fundamental pillar of the workforce in Alaska; and

Whereas the University of Alaska confers Occupational Endorsements and Certificate, Associate, Baccalaureate, Master's, and PhD degrees in a variety of academic disciplines; and

Whereas the University of Alaska conducts vital and unique research of arctic climates, Indigenous cultures, resource development, human and animal health, ecosystems, education and many others; and

Whereas, the University of Alaska's 16 campus locations provide community enrichment activities and serve as an economic driver for those communities; and

Whereas the University of Alaska needs increased funding to continue to develop the workforce and confer degrees; and

Whereas the University of Alaska needs financial resources for deferred maintenance in order to meet staffing, education, and research priorities that benefit the state; and

Whereas the workers at the University of Alaska, including faculty, staff, and student workers, are critical to the academic mission of the University; and

Whereas these dedicated workers contribute significantly to the success of the University, and their contributions are supported through robust union representation; and

Therefore be it resolved that securing increased funding for the University of Alaska be a legislative priority for Alaska AFL-CIO and its affiliate unions.

Submitted by United Academics AAUP-AFT Local 4996

- **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 9-5-24 at 8:30-10:00 am
- **Good of the Order**

Issues were discussed.

- **Motion to Adjourn passed at 10:56 am.**

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We live and work on the unceded territories of Alaska Native Peoples. We very much appreciate their past and ongoing stewardship of these lands.

### STATEMENT ON RACIAL JUSTICE AND SOCIAL EQUITY AT UA

As part of our commitment to enkindle racial justice and social equity within the University of Alaska system, we will speak up when we experience examples of racism or injustice in our meetings and as we conduct our business.

This means we can and will interrupt the meeting to draw the issue to one another's attention.

We will do this kindly, with care, and in good faith. This statement is a reminder that we commit to doing this in the service of ending the system of racial oppression that is perpetuated through institutionalized policies and individual bias.

#### United Academics Executive Board

PRESIDENT

Jill Dumesnil, Ph.D.

2023-2026

TREASURER	Tara Palmer	2024 interim
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ORGANIZATIONAL VP - UAA	Ryan Harrod, Ph.D.	2024-2027
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ORGANIZATIONAL VP - UAS	Andrea Dewees, Ph.D..	2024-2027
ORGANIZATIONAL VP - Extended Sites	Cindy Trussell, Ph.D.	2024-2027
<b>STAFF</b> <b>CONTRACT MANAGER</b> Melanie Arthur, Ph.D. <b>ORGANIZING MANAGER</b> Kate Quick, M.F.A.		