

# RESOLUTION

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*the title of*

*WHEREAS Dr. Katherine L. Arndt has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1989 to 2023; and*

*WHEREAS Dr. Arndt's unique expertise in Alaska history and especially in the Russian- Alaska time period has greatly benefited the Rasmuson Library's world- class collections and the researchers who use them; and*

*WHEREAS Dr. Arndt began work at UAF as a researcher in 1989 and joined the Rasmuson Library as a processing assistant in 2002; and in 2010 she became a faculty member, serving as the Alaska and polar regions bibliographer and the curator of rare books and rare maps; and*

*WHEREAS Dr. Arndt has 21 publications and five translations of works on the Russian era of Alaska history; and she oversaw the digitization of hundreds of rare books and maps, making them available to scholars of polar regions worldwide; and*

*WHEREAS Dr. Arndt has served as a member of the Faculty Senate and on multiple university committees; and she has given numerous professional presentations at Alaska history and anthropology conferences, providing exposure for the library's outstanding collections to the public and researchers;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Katherine L. Arndt for her extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university; and*

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*Chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks*

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*WHEREAS Ms. Sandra Boatwright has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in proposal preparation and technical editing from 1993 to 2023; and*

*WHEREAS Ms. Boatwright has helped hundreds of researchers submit hundreds of proposals while at the College of Engineering and Mines and Institute of Northern Engineering; and she has built a highly effective, client- focused, outcomes- driven and service- oriented proposal unit; and*

*WHEREAS Ms. Boatwright has worked tirelessly under constant deadlines so that every research proposal reflects UAF in the best light — not only by ensuring that budgets and other documents are accurate but also by strengthening the proposal text; and*

*WHEREAS senior faculty members have seen Ms. Boatwright as an active partner in the research team, describing her as a pillar of support who delivers patient attention in the pursuit of funding; and she has mentored many new faculty members in proposal preparation; and*

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*WHEREAS Mrs. Cecelia L. Chamberlain served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in administrative and financial positions from 1989 to 1990 and from 1991 to 2023; and*

*WHEREAS Mrs. Chamberlain most recently played an invaluable role in managing the financial operations of the College of Rural and Community Development, where her expertise and institutional knowledge guided and informed critical decisions; and she has provided stability and enhanced the management of multiple rural campuses and their infrastructure; and*

*WHEREAS Mrs. Chamberlain has recruited, trained and mentored countless staff, acting on her conviction that UAF should develop its own fiscal professionals; and she has provided career and professional development opportunities to student employees who later moved into long- term career positions; and she helps everyone who works with her understand the ebb and flow of life at the university; and*

*WHEREAS Mrs. Chamberlain has served on countless committees for planning and budget issues, business services, recruitment initiatives, and leadership and management teamwork, including the rural campus directors council;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Mrs. Cecelia L. Chamberlain for her extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Fairbanks, in further recognition of the invaluable services rendered by Mrs. Chamberlain and as evidence of the university's desire that her identification with the university be maintained, hereby salutes the appointment of Mrs. Cecelia L. Chamberlain as executive officer for finance, emeritus; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and signed by the chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks as further evi.7 g} 0- 0.0.7 €D.8 \$,fD.5 7 the in0.8 \$,D.5 €D.8 €D.7 \$ m002 Tw 10 0 0 and s) 0.p€D.8 €D78 (D.6 (n wbD.9 hi€D.8 hD.5 h€D.8 hD.5 olds(MrD.8 \$. €D.7 €*

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*WHEREAS Mr. William J. Cox served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in facilities maintenance and operation from 1987 to 1991 and from 1993 to 2023; and*

*WHEREAS Mr. Cox worked at the heating, ventilation and air conditioning shop for 17 years, first as a technician and then supervisor, before serving as maintenance superintendent for nine years; and he spent his last two years as the director of utilities, overseeing UAF's heat, power and water utility operations; and he knows every square inch of every utilidor and critical infrastructure system on campus; and*

*WHEREAS Mr. Cox is a conscientious employee who cares for others deeply; and he diligently upholds safety standards, taking every alarm and test seriously and ensuring that each system's staff and managers provide quality support; and he has dedicated himself to teaching and coaching to create a cohesive team; and*

*WHEREAS Mr. Cox is a true Renaissance man, with a passion for the arts, music and sharing stories; and he holds the principal trombone position in the Fairbanks Symphony Orchestra;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***

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*Chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks*

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*WHEREAS Ms. Kimberlee S. Davis has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in public relations and fundraising from 1992 to 2023, including the past 15 years as managing editor of UAF's Aurora magazine; and*

*WHEREAS Ms. Davis served the university in fast- paced and highly deadline- driven environments; and the outstanding quality of her work has demonstrated her commitment to the institution; and she has been a reliable organizing force behind numerous publications and events, including the annual commencement; and*

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*WHEREAS Dr. Peter A. DeCaro has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 2011 to 2023; and*

*WHEREAS Dr. DeCaro is known for his outstanding teaching; and he chaired or served as a member on numerous graduate student committees; and he worked as a faculty advisor to several student clubs and organizations; and*

*WHEREAS Dr. DeCaro directed development of fully online bachelor's and master's degree programs in communication; and he created the alternative dispute resolution minor, with a focus on restorative practices; and Dr. DeCaro was a co- founding member of the Veterans Memorial Project and served in an advising capacity to various military- affiliated groups on campus; and*

*WHEREAS Dr. DeCaro has delivered dozens of presentations and produced dozens of publications in the communication field, including papers, articles, books and book chapters; and*

*WHEREAS Dr. DeCaro served as the Department of Communication chair for many years after his arrival at UAF; and he serves as executive director of the American Communication Association; and he has participated in numerous other professional activities;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Peter A. DeCaro for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Fairbanks, in further recognition of the invaluable services rendered by Dr. DeCaro and as evidence of the university's desire that his identification with the university be maintained, hereby salutes the appointment of Dr. Peter A. DeCaro as associate professor of communication, emeritus; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and signed by the chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks*

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*Chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks*



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*WHEREAS Mr. Phillip Harrington has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks and the University of Alaska system with distinction in fiscal management from 1990 to 2023; and*

*WHEREAS Mr. Harrington, after working at the UA statewide budget office, moved to UAF in 1998, where he served in financial and executive officer positions for the College of Engineering and Mines, the Office of Finance and Accounting, the Institute of Arctic Biology and, most recently, the Signers' Business Office; and*

*WHEREAS Mr. Harrington is renowned throughout UAF as an outstanding leader, able to change processes, create efficiencies and build cohesive teams; and he trained and mentored some of UAF's brightest executive officers and finance managers; and, while at CEM, he*

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*WHEREAS Dr. Eric Heyne has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 1986 to 2023; and he is currently the longest- serving faculty member in the College of Liberal Arts; and*

*WHEREAS Dr. Heyne distinguished himself for his excellence in teaching, offering instruction not only in introductory courses but also in upper- division and graduate courses, seminars and studies of unique topics; and his dedication to, and regular instruction in, the English Department's general education program in writing is especially noteworthy; and*

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*Chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks*

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*WHEREAS Dr. Santanu Khataniar has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and service from 1991 to 2023; and*

*WHEREAS Dr. Khataniar has taught a broad range of courses in petroleum engineering; and his students recognized his teaching abilities with six outstanding faculty awards from 1992- 2020; and Dr. Khataniar has chaired or co- chaired 35 graduate student committees and served on more than 60 others; and Dr. Khataniar taught a number of courses in Anchorage, which boosted enrollment and industry connections; and*

*WHEREAS Dr. Khataniar conducted internationally recognized research in gas- to- liquids technology and enhanced oil recovery; and he drew more than \$10 million in research funding to UAF; and he has published a book chapter, 29 peer- reviewed articles and over 50 refereed conference papers; and he has been an invited technical speaker in international conferences; and*

*WHEREAS Dr. Khataniar has served on numerous UAF committees, including those involved in curriculum review and redesign; and he served as the Department of Petroleum Engineering chair;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Santanu Khataniar for his extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university; and*

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*Chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks*

# RESOLUTION

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*WHEREAS Mr. Richard McDonald has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching and service from 2014 to 2023; and*

*WHEREAS Mr. McDonald has greatly benefited UAF Community and Technical College students through his expert teaching in the information technology field; and he secured technologies that the IT specialist program uses to teach online at a quality level previously achievable in only a face-to-face setting; and*

*WHEREAS Mr. McDonald's novel methods have brought online technical training to students in rural Alaska; and when COVID-19 globally disrupted teaching in 2020, Cisco Systems invited Mr. McDonald to present online teaching methods to its affiliated networking instructors worldwide; and*

*WHEREAS Mr. McDonald has published multiple technical textbooks, with some translated into more than a dozen languages; and he has made numerous conference presentations on both technical topics and online teaching methods; and*

*WHEREAS Mr. McDonald has served on several university committees; and he has served as a mentor to other faculty members in the IT program; and he has volunteered as a docent at the University of Alaska Museum of the North;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska Fairbanks do hereby confer upon Mr. Richard McDonald the title of*

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*Chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks*



# RESOLUTION

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*WHEREAS Ms. Patricia Martinez Meritt has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1986 to 2023; and*

*WHEREAS Ms. Meritt, who served as an adjunct for a decade before becoming a full- time faculty member, is a superb teacher and expert in her field; and her students consistently give her exceptional evaluations; and she received the 2019 Emil Usibelli Distinguished Teaching Award; and she was an early leader in bringing courses online to serve students in all walks of life and in all locations, including other countries; and*

*WHEREAS Ms. Meritt co- authored two editions of the “Constructive Guidance and Discipline in Early Childhood Development” textbook; and she wrote “Child Development: A Practical Guide to the First Three Years;” and*

*WHEREAS Ms. Meritt motivated colleagues across the university to achieve national accreditation for the early childhood education program; and she developed the undergraduate degree in child development and family studies and many courses; and she routinely served on numerous university committees; and she has made dozens of presentations in myriad community venues;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation for Ms. Patricia Martinez Meritt’s extensive contributions to the state of Alaska and to the university; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Fairbanks, in further recognition of the invaluable services rendered by Ms. Meritt and as evidence of the university’s desire that her identification with the university be maintained, hereby salutes the recognition of Ms. Patricia Martinez Meritt as professor of early childhood education, emeritus; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be appropriately engrossed and signed by the chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks as further evidence of the esteem and respect in which he holds Ms. Patricia Martinez Meritt, and conveyed to Ms. Meritt on this sixth day of May, 2023.*

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Chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks

## UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS

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*WHEREAS Dr. Vikas S. Sonwalkar has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1995 to 2023; and*

*WHEREAS Dr. Sonwalkar taught a broad range of graduate and undergraduate courses in electrical engineering; and he was the principal advisor to two postdoctoral fellows, 20 graduate students and nine undergraduate students; and he was recognized as the College of Engineering and Mines outstanding graduate student advisor in 2004; and*

*WHEREAS Dr. Sonwalkar performed research into diverse topics and pioneered space- based whistler mode radio sounding of electrons and*

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*Chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks*

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*WHEREAS Ms. E. Michele Stalder has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in executive, administrative and staff positions from 1981 to 2023; and she has applied her unstinting hard work, innovation and dedication to develop the UAF Community and Technical College and advocate for its mission; and*

*WHEREAS Ms. Stalder sought continuously to reduce barriers to postsecondary education; and she conceptualized CTC's one- stop service where students take academic placement tests, receive advising, register, apply for financial aid and pay fees all in one location; and she pioneered dual enrollment and credit for high school students; and*

*WHEREAS Ms. Stalder successfully led efforts to ensure that CTC continued to function through the COVID- 19 pandemic, producing qualified essential workers for critical enterprises; and she has worked diligently with local businesses and industry to make them partners in CTC's programs; and she received the 2020 Bernice M. Joseph Education Advocate of the Year Award from the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. E. Michele Stalder for*

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*Chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks*



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*WHEREAS Mr. Mark D. Young has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching and service from 2006 to 2023; and*

*WHEREAS Mr. Young's students consistently rated his teaching as good to excellent; and he employed innovations such as gamification, course flipping and teaming with local businesses on marketing; and he led micro-credentialing efforts that verify students' skill sets for employers; and, drawing on his experience as a UAF Community and Technical College military programs coordinator from 2007- 2012, Mr. Young continued as a faculty member to connect military personnel and their dependents with educational options; and*

*WHEREAS Mr. Young wrote an Alaska- specific textbook for his introductory business course; and he helped create the Interior Alaska Business Accelerator, which mentors new small businesses; and Mr. Young, who also holds a bachelor's degree in fisheries, trained seafood processor employees in Kodiak and Dutch Harbor in management; and*

*WHEREAS Mr. Young has demonstrated exceptional leadership on many CTC committees; and he served as a dynamic chair and coordinator*

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*Chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks*