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6. **Approval of the Discontinuation of the Certificate in Educator: Para-Professional at the University of Alaska Fairbanks**

PASSED

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WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen is a prolific writer and speaker, and published and presented widely on the issues surrounding educational innovation and nontraditional students, and during her time as chancellor, contributed several local op-eds, interviews, and national thought leadership pieces to media outlets, including *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and *Inside Higher Ed*; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen consistently provided honest opinions to the University of Alaska Anchorage and the local community as evidenced by her “Just the Facts” series, and provided more than 50 video messages across various social media channels, including during critical times such as the 2018 7.1 magnitude earthquake, the university’s declaration of financial exigency in 2019, and the ongoing pandemic response; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen will be remembered for her forthright manner and commitment to providing an opportunity for more Alaskans to earn degrees and credentials through strategic innovation; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Sandeen made the most of her experience in Alaska, and during her two years as chancellor, including hiking, dogsledding, traveling to rural communities, and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the University of Alaska System, Cathy Sandeen was chancellor of the UniversityUniversity

**12. Approval of a Resolution of Appreciation for Saichi T. Oba**

PASSED

“The Board of Regents approves the resolution of appreciation for Saichi T. Oba. This motion is effective February 26, 2021.”

WHEREAS, after years of dedicated service to the University of Alaska, including serving as associate vice president for Student and Enrollment Strategy since 2005, Saichi T. Oba retired from the University of Alaska to pursue a new professional opportunity at Washington State University; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba arrived in Alaska in fall 1990 to work at the University of Alaska Fairbanks for Registrar Emeritus Ann Tremarello in the Office of Admissions and Records; he was appointed the interim director of admissions at the University of Alaska Fairbanks in 1996; worked as the director of admissions at the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls in 1998; returned to Alaska as the program manager for the University of Alaska Banner Student; was promoted to director of enrollment services in 2002; and promoted to head the newly developed Office of Student and Enrollment Services in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba’s passion is working on strategic enrollment management and helping students find success; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba worked as a member of the president’s senior staff to ensure that the university-based student services staff received the support, policies and tools to service the University of Alaska students, and served as lead of the system’s efforts in expanding and enhancing student services throughout the university system as chair of the Student Services Council; and

WHEREAS, Saichi T. Oba lead system-wide efforts to develop student success strategies

