

fell \$4 million short of what the university requested, regents faced tough choices in deciding on the distribution plan. Of the items contained in the request, 10 projects were partially funded, and eight were not funded through the increment process. Regents softened the impact by reallocating \$1.5 million from other sources. Board Chair Michael Burns and University President Mark Hamilton expressed thanks for the increase this year, but said they were disappointed that the shortfall will make it impossible for the university to implement all the requested initiatives.

On the capital budget side, the legislature funded \$29 million of UA's \$87 million priority capital request, and also approved \$37 million of receipt authority for externally funded projects including authority for a \$30 million supercomputer upgrade and \$2.5 million for an aviation simulator. Regents accepted the capital appropriations and approved a distribution plan. Included in the state-funded capital budget was the remaining \$8 million needed for the UA museum expansion, the remaining funding to complete the Egan classroom expansion at UAS Juneau; funding for a classroom addition at the UAF Bristol Bay Campus which has been a UA

priority for 10 years; and the UAS Ketchikan classroom and lab remodel. In all, about \$4 million in capital dollars will go to the university's community campuses around the state in FY02.

The board directed the administration to continue to investigate the cost and scheduling of the expansion of the Tanana Valley Campus of UAF, and to pursue the acquisition of the Old Fairbanks Courthouse and parking facility to accommodate the TVC expansion in downtown Fairbanks.

Regents also authorized the acquisition of about 1.96 acres of land adjacent and south of the UAS student-housing complex near the UAS Auke Lake campus. The new property will allow the eventual expansion of UAS student housing. **In another land matter**, regents authorized the sale of about 2.5 acres in Seward near the Alaska SeaLife Center for a Park Service/Forest Service office and visitor center.

A 1.5% increase to the salary grid for non-union represented staff of the university was approved. Total cost of the salary adjustment will be \$1.5 million, and the increase will affect about 2,300 university employees.

President Hamilton presented Make Students Count awards to four university employees: **Gail Klein**, student counselor at the Ketchikan campus of UAS; **Karen Wegzyn**, manager of UAA accounting services; **Saichi Oba**, manager of Electronic Student Services for the university system; and **Michele Stalder**, student services coordinator for the Tanana Valley Campus of UAF. The awards are given annually for outstanding service to students.

In other actions, the regents elected Regent Fran Rose to be board secretary, a post left vacant with the departure of Regent Mary Jane Fate, whose term expired this year . . . **gave special recognition** to Dr. Ralph Gabrielli, who steps down this year as executive dean of UAF's College of Rural Alaska to return to the faculty . . . **passed resolutions of appreciation** for Ron Keyes, who retired after 29 years as Director of UAF's student union center, and for Bruce Gifford, former Dean of Students and Enrollment Management at UAS who is now the Vice President of Student Services at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.