

## University responses to miscellaneous questions

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In response to Rep. Eric Feige's question about the University's having performance metrics, the University of Alaska provided two documents, [University of Alaska Metric Report, Key Indicators, Strategic Direction Initiatives, FY 09-FY 13](#), and [University response to Representative Feige's intent language on performance metrics, 24 February 2014](#).

### **The University also provided the following:**

We work with the Department of Labor to ensure necessary data is being provided by all employers. For example with standard occupational codes (SOC), One-fifth of UA graduates work in jobs where employers are not providing the SOC code for UA to be able to track if graduates are working in a related field. The metrics [mentioned above] continue to be refined as we move forward with Shaping Alaska's future.

### **How much does the University get a year from the University of Alaska Foundation?**

The University of Alaska Foundation distributes for the benefit of the University of Alaska: FY13 - \$16 million; FY12 - \$13.9 million; FY11 - \$13.7 million. It should be noted that the funds distributed to UA come from donors, most of whom restrict the use for a specific purpose. Some donations are placed into endowments. Spending from the endowments is based upon a formula that is intended to preserve the principle value while generating annual support for the area of donor interest. Other donations are non-endowed and go into funds that are spent out over time. Annual distributions vary with the amount of annual contributions and investment returns.

### **How much does the University get from donations or contributions because of education tax credits?**

Generally, the tax credit doesn't cause a company to give. The benefits of the tax credit help the University of Alaska to encourage a more significant level of support than many companies might otherwise be able to consider. We do not have complete information on how much companies using the tax credit contribute annually. The Department of Revenue is able to provide total for the program; by beneficiary group and by tax program, but they do not break it out by beneficiary institution or individual company. We have tracked the dollar value of contributions from tax credit-eligible entities (\$18 million from 2010-2012). We simply don't know if the entities making those contributions used the tax credit. Anecdotally, we have been told by companies representing mining, tourism, banking, insurance and fisheries that the education tax credit is meaningful to them and they are using it to give larger gifts.

### **Where do those monies go, directly to the University or to the University of Alaska Foundation?**

The tax credit donations that we are aware of have gone to programs at the University. The University of Alaska Foundation is the recipient organization for all donations to the University of Alaska (except land). We process all gifts and ensure that they are spent on those things the donor wishes to support. Again, I'll

reemphasize that companies give because they see the value of a particular program, not because of the tax credit. The tax credit enables them to do more.

**What is the dollar amount of the contract for the University of Alaska Federation of Teachers? Does it including funding for new positions?**

University of Alaska Federation of Teacher contract - Dollar amount is \$400.2 UGF/\$400.2 DGF, total \$800.4  
No funding for new positions.

**Can you please send us the recent labor contracts for the University?**

For the United Academics-AAUP-AFT contract, go to [C7 - Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the University of Alaska and United Academics-AAUP-AFT, 1-1-14 to 12-31-16.pdf](#)

Other contracts can be found at: <http://alaska.edu/labor/>

**The total \$5,940.2 Contractual Salary and Health Increases is split between UGF and DGF. What is the UGF total?**

50/50 split \$2,970.1 (UGF)/\$2,970.1 (DGF).

**What are the budgets for the organizations whose people testified last Tuesday, February 18, 2014?**

- **Dr. Helena Wisniewski's UAA Research and Graduate Studies?**
  - The UAA Research and Graduate Studies is currently funded at approximately \$902,800 per year.  
The Research and Graduate Studies budget includes operating costs such as those for the Graduate School and so is for more than just research support. An example of research support is the \$100,000 in operating funds for the Innovate awards. The general fund support is \$602,841 and \$300,000 is being generated internally from indirect cost recovery.
- **Dr. Daniel White's UAF Office of Intellectual Property and Commercialization?**
  - The UAF Office of Intellectual Property and Commercialization (OIPC) is currently funded at approximately \$220,000/year. UAF has additionally relied on the UA Foundation and reallocation of campus reserves to assure OIPC's operations; however a longer-term budget source is needed.
- **Ro Bailey's UAF Geophysical Institute's Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration?**
  - The Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration (ACUASI) is funded primarily from the State of Alaska capital research increment of \$5,000,000 (FY13). ACUASI has additionally generated approximately \$325,000 in revenues in FY13 from other grants and contracts with private industry partners.