

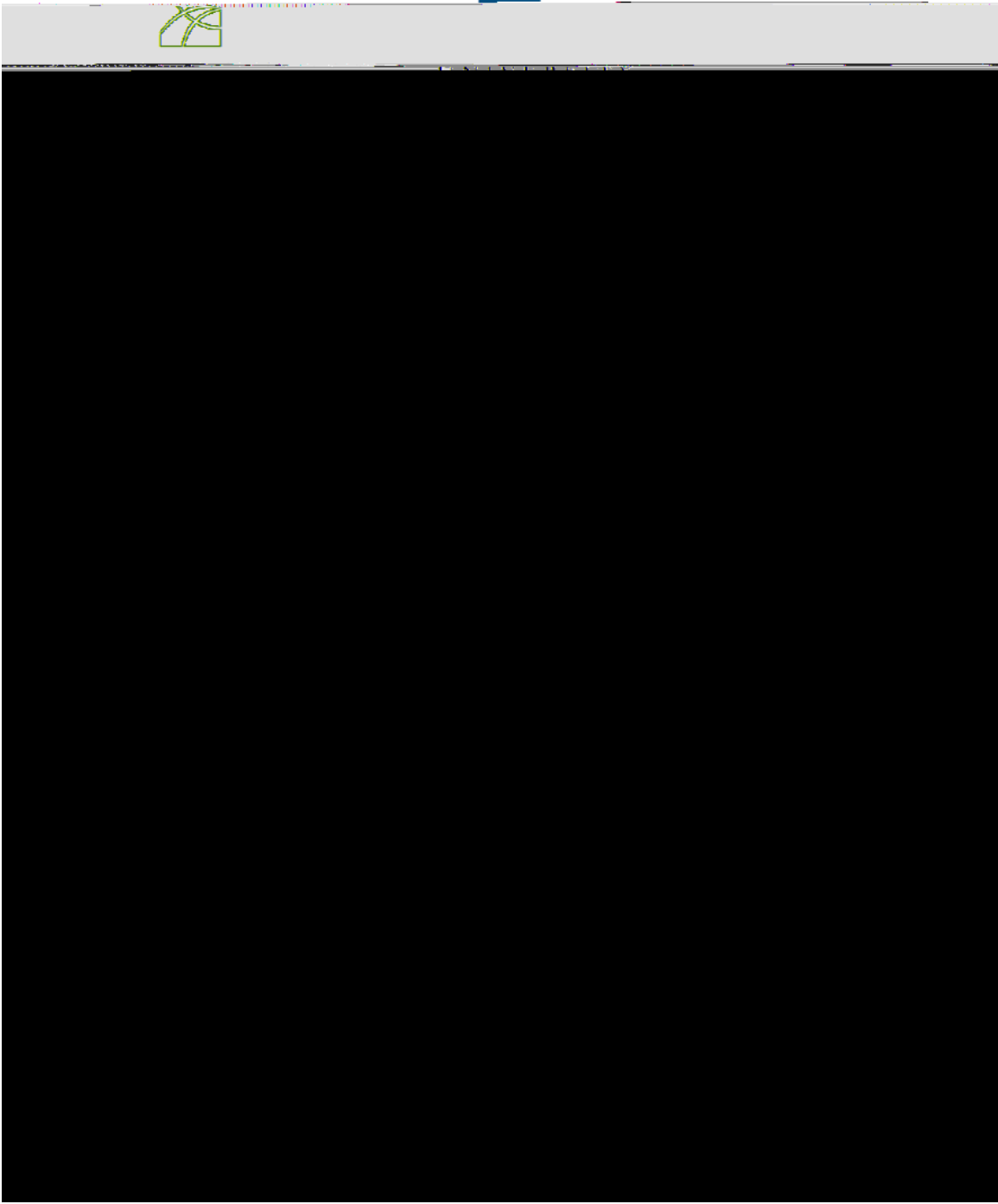
DATE: September 30, 2016  
TO: UAA Faculty Senate, UAF Faculty Senate, UAS Faculty Senate  
FROM: Tara Smith, Chair, Faculty Alliance  
RE: Summer & August Report of Activities

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The [Faculty Alliance](#) consists of the president-elect (First Vice President at UAA), president, and past president of each Faculty Senate in the University of Alaska System. The chair of this bo

We have begun discussions of a request for comparable budget information for FY16/17 from all three universities and Statewide in order to help all of us better understand how cuts and allocations have been distributed across our system. Please ~~feel free~~ share your ideas to any faculty alliance member. We also received a report from a UAF faculty member last May that faculty benefit rates were ~~not~~ positively costly to departments. This was causing them to choose adjunct faculty over fulltime faculty for overload or summer assignments. We are looking into this, as well.

We are also still



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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 30, 2016

To: Tara Smith, Chair of the Faculty Alliance

From: James Johnsen, UA President

Re: Response to memo dated August 23, 2016 regarding re-

*Tara, I would like to further discuss the Faculty Alliance next time.*

Thank you for your advice to UA governance and commitment to the shared vision of the University. The Summit Team is composed of a broad set of university employees (Chancellors, vice Presidents) and a small group of faculty (VCAS). This group serves as an advisory group to me on issues that affect them all.

I value governance a great deal and have enlisted faculty governance in a variety of advisory capacities. For example, faculty, staff, and student governance are all represented on the Summit Team. In addition, other internal groups have received de facto membership on every team; not provosts, but also meet personally with you on a monthly basis and participate in Faculty Alliance retreats, regular meetings, and events. The Faculty Alliance is represented by the Faculty Alliance on the Statewide Academic Council (SAC). At the same time that I think it is important for me to seek and receive Faculty Alliance input separate from the Provosts or Chancellors, I believe I need the same from the Faculty Alliance.

It is very important in my mind that the Faculty Alliance be kept informed and distributed information to faculty about decisions being made by me and other members of University leadership. I believe that it is important that University decision making is informed by both of these groups. I will continue to keep you informed on issues important to the Faculty Alliance.

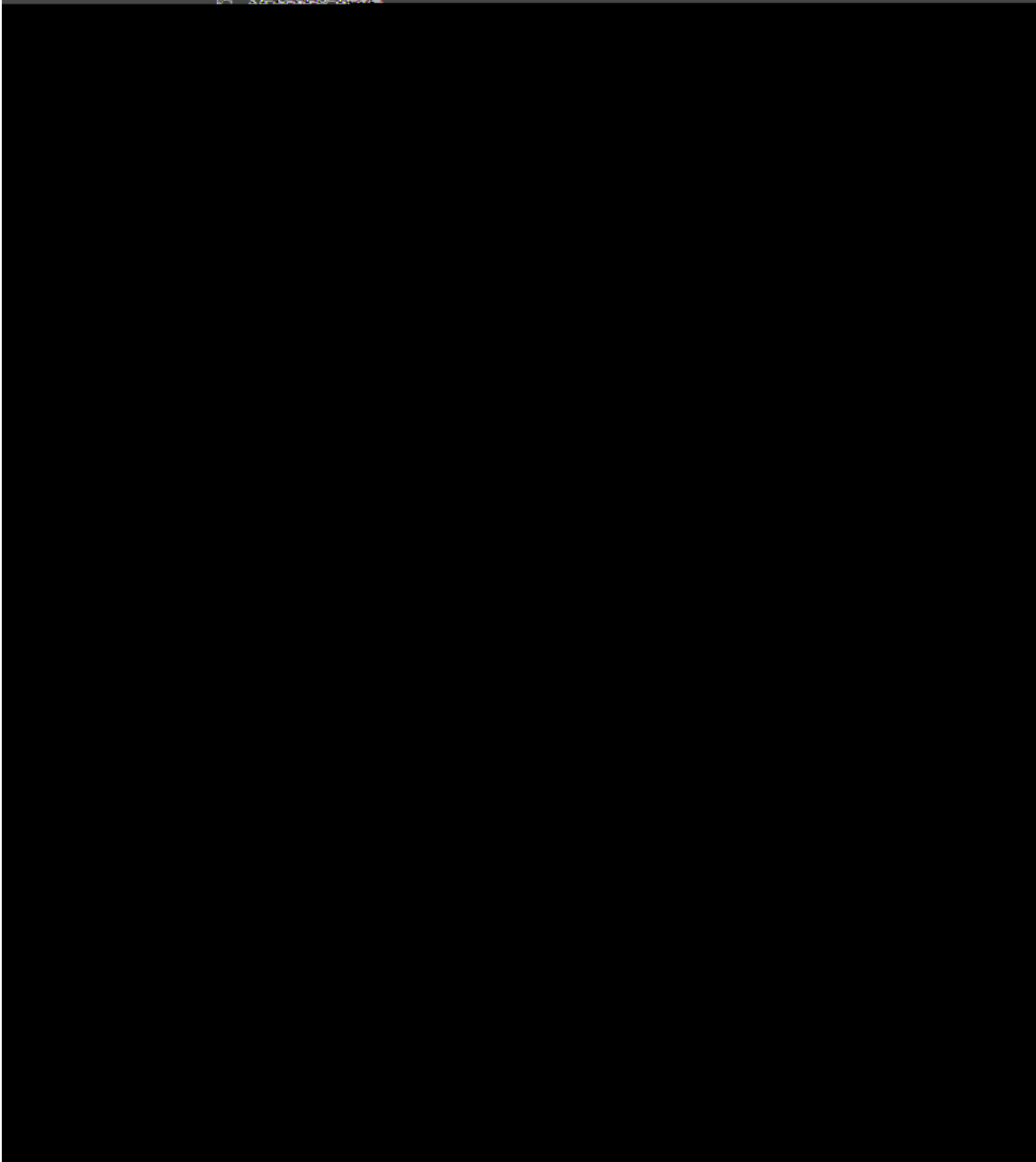
Thank you,

JRJ

cc: Ian Dufseth, Executive Officer System Governance



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