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Shaping Alaska's Future:

Setting Strategic Directions for the University of Alaska

A solid, balanced university system is crucial to a state's healthy growth and development....As a university system, the value we bring to Alaska depends on the quality of our graduates at every level. Our success in offering a premier education and world-

- Selection of a few, critically important guidepost measures of success that will tell us and the people of Alaska how well we are realizing our mutual priorities
- A management model that aligns college and university plans aimed toward achieving the selected priorities, but looks to the institutions and their leaders to determine

strategic plans with the System's top priorities; and selecting the right measures to evaluate success in achieving the priorities. These groups would be engaged in the direction setting process in all stages-- early, middle and late.

The Leadership Role of Regents

As the ultimate governing body for Alaska's system of public colleges and universities, the Regents have a critically important role to play in setting strategic directions. They need to be engaged in the process from beginning to end, including reviewing the implementation phases after they endorse the directions through their formal action. Specifically, Regents will be asked to participate in the external and i