Dr. Robert B. Arundale has served the University of Alaska Fairbanks with distinction in teaching, research and public service from 1979 to 2011.

He has created an intellectual environment where students from divergent disciplines are challenged, engaged and enriched; and has served as a knowledgeable and patient advisor and mentor to undergraduate and graduate students; and has been widely admired for his exceptionally fair and impartial guidance and advice to colleagues.

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He has been a valued servant of his profession and the University; and whose careful analysis and collegial temper have benefited a range of individuals and organizations throughout the Department of Communication, the College of Liberal Arts, and the University.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks expresses its deep appreciation to Dr. Robert B. Arundale for his contributions to the State of Alaska and the University.