

**UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FAIRBANKS
MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE (MPC)
MEMORANDUM**

July 28, 2006

TO: Steve Jones

Chancellor

FROM: Richard A. Caulfield, PhD

Chair, UAF Master Planning Committee

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