

Dr. Fate elected president of UA Regents

FAIRBANKS — Dr. Hugh B. Fate, Jr. of Fairbanks, beginning his second eight-year term on the University of Alaska's Board of Regents, was unanimously elected president of the board at its two-day meeting in Juneau last week.

Fate, who had been board vice president, succeeds Brian J. Brundin of Anchorage as president. Brundin is retiring from the university governing body, and his fellow regents unanimously approved a resolution expressing their appreciation for his eight years of service.

Edward Rasmuson of Anchorage was elected board vice president, Mildred Banfield of Juneau treasurer and Don Abel, Jr. of Juneau secretary.

Rasmuson had been treasurer and Sam Kito, Jr. of Anchorage secretary.

At conclusion of their meeting Thursday afternoon, the regents took part in the dedication of the University of Alaska, Juneau's new downtown center, named for veteran Juneau legislator Bill Ray who was recognized as a strong supporter of higher education statewide.

The university's new president, Dr. Charles Ferguson, presided at the ceremony, which attracted more than a hundred persons to the center. Dr. Don Dafoe, former university executive vice president, was the principal speaker.

The regents Thursday also met with members of the House and Senate finance committees

to discuss the university's current financial problems. Earlier in the day they voted to create the position of comptroller to exercise control over university financial matters. The comptroller would be hired by the board and report to it.

To give greater attention to the growing needs of the university's community colleges, Fate proposed that a new standing committee of the board be created, the Committee on

Community Colleges; and the board concurred.

The board voted to appoint Dr. Robert W. Hiatt, former president, special assistant to the board. Hiatt's "specific responsibilities" are to be "set forth in the near future by the board," the board motion states. Hiatt resigned Feb. 15. Ferguson was appointed to succeed him on Feb. 24.

Exercising his power to name

the chairmen of the board's standing committee, Fate appointed Banfield to head the Educational Policy and Program Committee, Abel the Campus Planning and Development Committee, Rasmuson the Finance and Business Management Committee, and Kito the new Committee on Community Colleges. Kito was also named to succeed Fate as the regent's representative on the Alaska Post-secondary Education Commission.