



Coalition of Student Leaders

Resolution 2016-03

Recommending that the University of Alaska adopt Alaska Native Studies as part of the General Education Requirements

Whereas, The University of Alaska is currently revising the General Education Requirements (GER) that must be taken by all baccalaureate students before graduation, and;

Whereas, The University of Alaska Major Academic Units (MAUs) of UAF, UAA, and UAS all require students to take some cultural learning courses in subjects like art, world history, or language, and;

Whereas, Alaska's population includes a significant percentage of Alaska Native peoples, and;

Whereas, The University of Alaska ought to endeavor to increase outreach and accessibility for Alaska Native peoples, and;

Whereas, Alaska Native culture and history is integral to the understanding of Alaska's past, present, and future, and;

Whereas, Students of all ethnic and geographic backgrounds would benefit from a better comprehension of Alaska Native Studies, and;

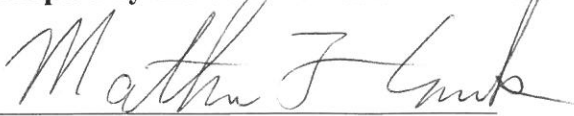
Whereas, The University of Alaska offers at least some Alaska Native Studies courses at all campuses, either in-person or via distance education, and;

Whereas, Student governments for the University of Alaska Anchorage, the University of Alaska Southeast, and the University of Alaska Fairbanks have passed resolutions supporting including Alaska Native Studies as part of the GER, indicating widespread student support, now;

Therefore be it resolved, That the Coalition of Student Leaders recognizes the importance of understanding Alaska Native culture and history, and;

Therefore be it further resolved, That the Coalition of Student Leaders recommends that the University of Alaska require all baccalaureate students to take at least one 3-credit Alaska Native Studies course as part of the GER.

Adopted by the Coalition of Student Leaders the 26th DAY OF APRIL 2016

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mathew Carrick".

Mathew Carrick, Chair

Voting members' results as attested by Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer:

Yes: 6

No: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: 4