



Coalition of Student Leaders

Resolution 2018-01

Regarding the Proposed Tuition Increase for AY2019 and AY2020

Whereas, student responses on the proposed tuition increase have been overwhelmingly negative from all responding campuses; and

Whereas, Even with the tuition increase rates proposed by the University of Alaska, the UA system will still have a nine million dollar budgetary deficit; and

Whereas, the University of Alaska needs immediate financial deficit relief; and

Whereas, a systemwide tuition increase provides that immediate financial bolster; and

Whereas, repeatedly increasing tuition does not fix the greater problem of revenue loss through decreased student enrollment; and

Whereas, increasing tuition will in no way aid in improving student retention rates which aids in maintaining a stable revenue source; and

Whereas, to raise tuition considerably over time, the UA system would run the risk of possibly rising above the Western Interstate Commission For Higher Education average calculated tuition, which it already has in AY17 for non-resident undergraduate students by \$154 and is \$988 away from meeting the resident average, the importance of this is high because the largest population of students in the UA system are undergraduates; and

Whereas, the Union of Students at the University of Alaska Anchorage passed resolution #18-04, recommending tuition increases of 2.5% for AY19 and AY20.

Therefore Be it Resolved, the University of Alaska increase the tuition at Prince William Sound College and Kodiak College at a rate of 4% for AY 2019 and AY 2020 for a total of 8%; and

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Be It Further Resolved, the rest of the UA system undergo a tuition increase of 2.5% for AY 2019 and 2.5% for AY 2020 for a total of 5%; and

Be It Further Resolved, in order to stimulate new solutions for revenue while maintaining the UA System during the process, the proposed tuition increase be maintained for AY 2021-2024, at which time the tuition will revert to the current AY 2017 rate with adjustments for inflation; and

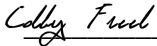
Be It Further Resolved, this resolution be sent to the UA president, the three university chancellors and the UA Board of Regents.

Purpose: To propose an acceptable compromise to the UA system tuition proposal while stimulating the search for new sources of revenue.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

Adopted unanimously by the Coalition of Student Leaders the 6th day of November 2017.

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Colby Freel, Chair