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## MEMORANDUM

Date: April 13, 2018

To: Board of Regents  
Coalition of Student Leaders  
System Governance Council

From: James Johnsen, President *James R. Johnsen*

Re: Tuition Adjustment Notice

Per BOR policy, this is my notice of intent with regard to tuition.

Last fall the Regents approved tuition rates for AY19 and AY20. The Regents also supported a 25% tuition reduction to Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. UA will reduce tuition by 25 percent on courses in selected occupational endorsement and career and technical education (CTE) programs. The discount will apply to more than 300 courses in 50 programs. I continue to believe that part of the reason Alaska has such a low post-secondary going rate is tied to our relatively high tuition for community campus programs. This tuition reduction is intended to mitigate this barrier to entry.

The Regents have also established goals for enrollment, retention, and student success, and the campuses have developed strategic initiatives – including the CTE tuition reduction – to meet those goals. I recognize that it will take time for these initiatives to be implemented, and I would like to see results prior to making recommendations for tuition rates for AY21 (Fall 2020 and Spring 2021), which I intend to do no later than September 2019, in time for consultation with student governance leaders and a decision at the November 2019 BOR meeting.

Thank you.

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cc: UA Summit Team  
UA System Governance Office