



Coalition of Student Leaders

RESOLUTION AY2020-03

To reaffirm the Coalition of Students Leaders Stance in Postponing Any Increase in Student Tuition until Fiscal Year 2022

Whereas, University of Alaska (UA) President James Johnsen has developed a tuition proposal that, if adopted by the UA Board of Regents, will increase resident undergraduate tuition in both lower and upper-division rates by 5% in FY 2021 (\$23 per credit hour for lower, and \$27 per credit hour for upper); **and**,

Whereas, UA faculty and students have endured a deep reduction in academic and student affairs services and programs, despite the UA Board of Regents approving a 5% increase in tuition every academic year since 2015, resulting in a total increase in lower and upper-division rates of 25 %; **and**,

Whereas, historically the University of Alaska has given students with financial difficulties the opportunity to pursue higher education due to its affordable tuition rates; **and**

Whereas, the Coalition of Student Leaders fears that an increase in tuition would result in lower enrollment and make it more difficult for students to obtain a higher education; **and**

Whereas, the UA Board of Regents postponed a vote regarding the proposed increase in tuition rates for Academic Year 2021 in order to obtain more input from University stakeholders; **and**

Whereas, the Coalition of Student Leaders unanimously passed a resolution opposing any further increases in student tuition until FY 2022 to better assess the financial situation of the University, and not create another reason for students to turn away from the University of Alaska system; **and**

Whereas, having been given the opportunity to further discuss the tuition, the Coalition of Student Leaders has not changed its position in regards to the tuition proposal; **and**

Whereas, the Coalition of Student Leaders strives to reach a reasonable and affordable compromise for all involved; **and now, therefore, let it be**

Resolved that, the Coalition of Student Leaders reaffirms stance in postponing any increase in student tuition until Fiscal Year 2022; **and be it further**

Resolved that, the UA Board of Regents explores alternative revenue sources to minimize the financial impact of budget reductions on the University of Alaska System; **and be it further**

Resolved that, the Coalition of Student Leaders requests that the UA student governance groups be involved in the tuition process from the beginning; **and be it further**

Resolved that, a copy of this resolution be sent to the UA Board of Regents and UA President Jim Johnsen.

Statement of Purpose: To reaffirm the Coalition of Students Leaders Stance in Postponing Any Increase in Student Tuition until Fiscal Year 2022.

Fiscal Impact: None

This resolution was adopted by a vote of 3-1 on the 14th of January 2020.



Audrey Kirby, Chair, Coalition of Student Leaders

January 14, 2020

Date