

University of Alaska Fairbanks
Staff Council
Resolution 2019

Resolution in Support of Solidarity at the University of Alaska

WHEREAS, UAF Staff Council recognizes the importance of a strong university system for the health and well-being of the state of Alaska and its citizens, and;

WHEREAS, the ~\$130 million cuts made to the budget by the Alaska Governor's office have had negative impacts on university staff since their announcement not limited to loss of job security, financial stress and pursuit of alternative employment, and;

WHEREAS, real detrimental effects on UAF staff and on the financial viability of UAF and its employees are already occurring with Moody reducing UA credit rating and some local banks requiring additional scrutinizing of UAF employee's loan applications, and;

WHEREAS, the drastic reduction in state funds directly results in commensurate reductions in matching funds from federal research sources such as NSF, NASA, NIH and NOAA, and;

WHEREAS, UA campuses serves as the center for the arts, culture, and overall livability of their community during our long and dark winters; promoting positive mental health and community building, and;

WHEREAS, reductions in state funding will directly lead to drastically increased tuition and fees paid by our students and result in fewer students able to enroll and attend classes at any of the UA campuses, and;

WHEREAS, the drastic reduction in state funds also negatively impacts the ability of Alaskan students to attend school within the UA system through the elimination of the Alaska Performance Scholarship for high-performing students graduating within Alaska, and the Alaska Educational Grant for low-income Alaskan students -- both of which comprise promises made by the State of Alaska to these students, and;

WHEREAS, funding decisions have an impact on every UA campus, activity and location throughout Alaska -- not just UAF, and;

WHEREAS, damage to the university system has, and will, continue to cause negative impacts across the state and beyond

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, UAF Staff Council moves in solidarity with the University of Alaska to stand against the ~\$130 million budget cuts, and;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the UAF Staff Council strongly urges the Alaska legislature to restore the state funding to a level that allows the University of Alaska to continue to be a powerful driver for community development, arctic research, the local and state economy, and the well-being of Alaska.

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