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Resolution 2017-03
Embracing Unity across the University of Alaska

Whereas: the University of Alaska system would not exist without its talented, diverse student body and its exceptional staff and faculty; and

Whereas: the Coalition of Student Leaders (“Coalition”), representing diverse students throughout the University of Alaska system (“University,” “UA”), acknowledges the challenging circumstances the University is facing; and

Whereas: the Coalition recognizes declining morale among staff, faculty, and students across UA as a serious detriment to student success as well as enrollment, retention and degree completion; and

Whereas: while the Coalition values the autonomy of governance groups’ abilities to express freedom of speech, the Coalition communicates concern that public criticisms of UA may be damaging to the University’s perception by legislators, the public, and prospective and current students; and

Whereas: while the Coalition shares concerns expressed by faculty with some proposed and enacted changes to the UA system through Strategic Pathways, the Coalition recognizes that continual improvement is necessary for UA’s existence and success.

Therefore be it resolved: that the Coalition encourages continuing productive and collaborative conversations led by students, staff, faculty across UA; and

Be it further resolved: that the Coalition encourages UA President James Johnsen, the UA Board of Regents, and UA governance groups to openly participate in constructive and productive feedback on the Strategic Pathways process; and

Be it further resolved: that the Coalition urges continued unity and collaboration across the UA system for the benefit of current and prospective students; and

Be it further resolved: that this resolution be transmitted to UA governance groups, UA Statewide, and the UA Board of Regents.

The resolution was adopted by the Coalition of Student Leaders on the 12th day of February 2017.

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Colby Freel, Chair