

Faculty Alliance

Resolution 2020-01 Resolution to recommend delay in authorization to declare financial exigency

- WHEREAS: A declaration of financial exigency threatens the institutions of tenure, academic freedom, due process, and the academic integrity of the university; and
- WHEREAS: The Alaska Legislative special session is still ongoing and UA does not have a final budget, and financial exigency should be declared once we have the final budget; and
- WHEREAS: A variety of state legislators have made clear that the budget process is still ongoing and that a final determination of UA's budget is far from clear; and
- WHEREAS: Declaring financial exigency in advance of knowing our final budget will send the wrong message to our students, and community constituencies and endanger our accreditation; and
- WHEREAS: The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) policy provides that an elected faculty body should participate in the decision as to whether a declaration of financial exigency is required; and therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That Faculty Alliance urges the UA Board of Regents to delay in authorizing a declaration of financial exigency until the final budget is arrived at, which will afford more time for advocacy efforts.

Adopted by a vote of 7-0-1 by the Faculty Alliance on the 12th day of July 2019.

Maria Williams, Chair