



Coalition of Student Leaders

Resolution 2017-01 Restoring Funding to the University of Alaska State Legislative Internship Program

Whereas: The Coalition of Student Leaders acknowledges the innumerable benefits the University of Alaska (UA) State Legislative Internship Program provides in representing the University in a positive light by legislative interns who are among UA's best and brightest, and in educating University students in public policy and politics; and

Whereas: The Coalition of Student Leaders acknowledges the democratizing access to political processes the internship program provides all University of Alaska students regardless of socioeconomic background and/or lack of financial resource; and

Whereas: The Coalition of Student Leaders expresses concern that the \$57,000 budget cut to the internship program's stipends budget limits access to students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds to the Alaskan political process; and

Whereas: Coalition members and legislative internship program staff are active in sourcing funds from among our governance organizations and from private donors.

Now therefore be it resolved: The Coalition of Student Leaders requests that the Board of Regents and the University of Alaska restore funding to the internship program in FY18 to ensure that all UA students have access to the legislative internship regardless of socioeconomic background and/or financial hardship.

Adopted unanimously by the Coalition of Student Leaders the 9th day of November 2016.

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Colby Frael, Chair