



Coalition of Student Leaders

Resolution AY2019-03 In Support of UAA School of Education Students

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) School of Education (SOE) was notified by the Council for the Accreditation of Education Preparation on January 11, 2019, that it had lost accreditation for its initial licensure programs; and

WHEREAS, over two hundred students enrolled in UAA SOE are directly affected by this loss of accreditation; and

WHEREAS, these students will require additional support as they navigate this unexpected change in their university career and their path toward becoming a teacher; and

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska has a duty to explore and find as many options as possible to support the affected students; and

WHEREAS, creative solutions are needed to fully support students affected by the UAA SOE accreditation loss; and

WHEREAS, higher education is an expensive undertaking and students will likely encounter additional costs as they move forward; and

WHEREAS, application fees are small but necessary expenses when applying to new programs; and

WHEREAS, there is an emotional toll that comes along with the loss of a program to which students have dedicated years of their time; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Coalition of Student Leaders encourages the University of Alaska President, chancellors of individual colleges, and deans of programs to engage in greater oversight and transparency of the accreditation process to ensure the University of Alaska provides fully accredited programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Coalition of Student Leaders encourages the University of Alaska to waive any and all costs associated with transferring within the UA system required for students leaving the UAA SOE when applying to other programs at the University of Alaska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Coalition of Student Leaders encourages the University of Alaska Board of Regents to vote to allow UAA to seek CAEP re-accreditation for the UAA School of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Coalition of Student Leaders encourages the University of Alaska to allow for students from the UAA SOE to attend a greater number of counseling sessions, and to provide more resources to counseling services.

This resolution was adopted by a vote of 8-0 on the 18th of February 2019.

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Nick Bursell

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Nick Bursell, Chair, Coalition of Student Leaders

February 20, 2019

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