



**Coalition of Student Leaders
RESOLUTION AY2019-06**

To compel Governor Dunleavy to adequately research the impacts of the proposed budget and be more transparent about the consequences it would have on the University of Alaska and the State of Alaska.

- Whereas,** Alaska Governor Michael J. Dunleavy sent a letter to the University of Alaska Community via the University of Alaska President Jim Johnsen On March 4, 2019; **and**
- Whereas,** Governor Dunleavy stated his proposed budget is only cutting 17 percent of the University of Alaska’s budget from the previous year instead of the reported 41 percent; **and**
- Whereas,** The information provided in Governor Dunleavy’s letter regarding university budget cut percentages was relayed in a misleading way; **and**
- Whereas** The language in Governor Dunleavy’s letter minimized the true fiscal impact of the proposed budget cut; **and**
- Whereas,** \$134 million is 41 percent of the state appropriation; **and**
- Whereas,** \$134 million is 17 percent of the University of Alaska’s total budget; **and**
- Whereas,** The University of Alaska Fairbanks receives \$164 million in Unrestricted General Funds; **and**
- Whereas,** The University of Alaska Anchorage receives \$120 million in Unrestricted General Funds; **and**
- Whereas,** The University of Alaska Southeast receives \$25 million in Unrestricted General Funds; **and**
- Whereas,** All University of Alaska community campuses combined receive \$38 million in Unrestricted General Funds; **and**
- Whereas,** With a budget cut of this magnitude, the University of Alaska would be forced to cut academic programs and lay off staff and faculty; **and**

- Whereas,** Students, staff, and faculty would leave the university due to the uncertainty of its future; **and**
- Whereas,** This proposed budget would result in a low-quality education system and would increase the state unemployment rate; **and**
- Whereas,** The University of Alaska provides employment for thousands of people; **and**
- Whereas,** Local businesses depend on students, staff, and faculty from the University; **and**
- Whereas,** The University of Alaska benefits the Alaskan economy; **and**
- Whereas,** Governor Dunleavy’s letter did not provide reassurance to the Alaskan community; **and now therefore let it be:**
- Resolved,** That the Coalition of Student Leaders compel Governor Dunleavy adequately to research the impacts of the proposed budget and be transparent about the consequences it would have on the University of Alaska and the State of Alaska; **and**
- Be it Further Resolved,** The Coalition of Student Leaders expresses its full support for President Johnsen’s response to Governor Dunleavy’s letter released on March 6, 2019; **and**
- Be it Further Resolved,** That the Coalition of Student Leaders objects to the misleading information in Governor Dunleavy’s letter; **and**
- Be it Further Resolved,** That a copy of this Resolution (Resolution AY19-06) be sent to Governor Dunleavy.
- Statement of Purpose:** To compel Governor Dunleavy to adequately research the impacts of the proposed budget and be transparent about the consequences it would have on the University of Alaska and the State of Alaska.

This resolution was adopted by a vote of 9-0 on the 17th of March 2019.

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Nick Bursell

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Nick Bursell, Chair, Coalition of Student Leaders

March 23, 2019

Date