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**System Governance Council  
Resolution 2020-01**  
Regarding the Proposal to Increase AY21 Tuition

WHEREAS, the NWCCU response letter dated November 1, 2019 stated, “You are also creating opportunities for inclusive dialogue regarding the future structure of the University of Alaska (UA) System as you develop a path forward to solve the funding and enrollment challenges that threaten the state’s institutions of higher learning.” and;

WHEREAS, the BOR has proposed a 5% tuition increase for AY21; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Student Leaders has not received an acceptable reply as to where the additional 5% of tuition dollars will be spent; and

WHEREAS, the three universities are undergoing expedited academic program reviews in order to prepare for anticipated budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, further cuts to the UA budget are anticipated for AY21 and AY22; and

WHEREAS, there is a drop in student enrollment across all three universities; and

WHEREAS, the impact of a 5% tuition increase could result in lower enrollments and less tuition revenue; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to have each university examine their respective tuition rates in relation to their comparator institutions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the UA System Governance Council does not support a 5% tuition increase and believes this is counter to student success and could result in lower student enrollments.

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*Heather Batchelder*

Heather Batchelder, Chair

January 13, 2020

Date

Voting results: 5-0