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UA Colleagues –

The university's operating budget cleared its initial hurdle with this week's vote of the House-Senate Conference Committee. As passed, UA would receive \$322 million in state funds, a cut of \$5 million from our current budget. The conference committee also approved language encouraging the Board of Regents to consider transitioning the university from three separately accredited institutions into a single accredited institution and provide an update on the review by the end of 2019.

This budget represents a vote of confidence for the university, demonstrates the value that Alaskans and our legislators place on higher education, and recognizes that we've been instituting significant changes and will continue to do so.

Your hard work and effort has produced this outcome, which is significantly better than where we began just several months ago. The budget now moves to the Governor's desk. He will weigh in with his decision in the next several weeks, and I will continue to talk with the Governor and OMB in the coming days regarding our budget.

Please continue to advocate on behalf of the university and keep UA Strong!

I remain grateful for all that you do for the University of Alaska.

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Jim Johnsen