



Faculty Senate
UNIVERSITY of ALASKA ANCHORAGE

To: Duane Hrcir, Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor
University of Alaska Anchorage

Fr: Monique Marron,
UAA Governance Office

Re: 100617-1 Resolution in support for the Alaska Native Themed GER Initiative

On October 6, 2017 the Faculty Senate approved a resolution in support for the Alaska Native Themed GER Initiative, brought forth by the Faculty Senate Executive Board.

Please see the enclosed documents for more information.

If I may be of further assistance, please let me know.

Provost

Approved Disapproved

Comments:

Duane Hrcir, Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

10/30/17

Date

Chancellor

Approved Disapproved

Comments:

Sam Gingerich, Interim Chancellor

10/30/2017

Date

Resolution 100617-1

Support for the Alaska Native Themed GER Initiative

WHEREAS, the University of Alaska has a significant Alaska Native population and our campuses are on lands that Indigenous peoples have inhabited for thousands of years and a significant number of our students are Alaska Native;

WHEREAS, in October 2015, the Alaska Native Studies Council (ANSC) brought before the UA Board of Regents the request that every UA student be required to successfully complete at least one Alaska Native themed course, whether an Alaska Native focused general education course (GER) or other curricular offering;

WHEREAS, the UA Board of Regents supported the ANSC request and forwarded the proposal to the UA Statewide GER Coordinating Alignment Task Force for consideration and recommendation;

WHEREAS, the GER Alignment Coordinating Task Force supported the request and recommended UAA, UAF, and UAS each incorporate the requirement in the way that best suits each institution's mission;

WHEREAS, the UA Board of Regents and UA System President Johnsen fully endorsed the addition of an Alaska Native Themed GER in January 2017;

WHEREAS, the USUAS-JC Resolution 1516-05 and USUAA Resolution #16-17 to the UA-BOR endorsed the creation of an Alaska Native GER;

WHEREAS, courses that include Alaska Native content as part of the UA GER will enhance student learning and postgraduate success in Alaska, and Alaska Native Corporations are the state's number one employer and contribute over 25% to the State's GDP, and 75% of UA graduates secure jobs in Alaska;

WHEREAS, an Alaska Native themed GER corresponds to the University of Alaska's Mission Statement regarding our commitment to "serving the higher education needs of the state, its communities, and its diverse peoples;"

WHEREAS, GER courses currently exist in UAA catalog that meet the criteria and Student Learning Outcomes for an Alaska Native themed GER; and

WHEREAS, University of Alaska Anchorage has formally adopted a Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan that calls for Alaska Native recruitment, retention, and graduation and the development of a diverse and inclusive curriculum; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the University of Alaska Anchorage Faculty Senate supports the adoption of the Alaska Native Themed GER to be moved through the curriculum review and governance process for an initial roll-out in Fall 2018.

Adopted by the UAA Faculty Senate on October 06, 2017



Sharon Chamard, President
UAA Faculty Senate President