

V. Approval of Tuition Rates for Academic Year 2015

Reference 1

The president recommends that:

MOTION

"The Board of Regents approves tuition rates for Academic Year 2015 as presented. This motion is effective November 6, 2013."

POLICY CITATION

Regents' Policy 05.10.01 states: "Recognizing that state general fund support is not sufficient to pay the full cost of education and that students have a responsibility to contribute to the cost of their higher education, tuition and student fees will be established to the extent practicable in accordance with the following objectives: (1) to provide for essential support to the university's instructional programs; (2) to make higher education accessible to Alaskans who have the interest, dedication, and ability to learn; and (3) to maintain tuition and student fees at levels which are competitive with similarly situated programs of other western states. Tuition revenues will be used primarily to maintain and expand the educational opportunities provided to students, to preserve and improve the quality of existing programs and support services, to respond to enrollment trends, and to implement new programs."

RATIONALE/RECOMMENDATION

In September 2012, the board confirmed for academic year (AY) 2014 a 2 percent tuition increase for undergraduate, graduate and non-resident graduate rates of tuition. In addition, the board approved a 4 percent increase to non-resident undergraduate rates of tuition. The AY14 increase was one of the smallest tuition increases in over a decade at UA. This was made possible because of belt tightening and other cost savings measures employed throughout the university, such as a hiring delay of up to 90 days on all open positions. While these and other fiscal practices will continue, the need to offset increasing fixed costs and to help maintain the quality of UA's programs and services requires a tuition increase. After careful consideration of the university system budget requirements from among the chancellors, staff, and university community, the president proposes the following tuition increases:

- for undergraduate resident (100-400) level courses a \$6.00 per credit increase;
- for graduate resident (500-600) level courses a \$12.00 per credit increase;
- for undergraduate non-resident (100-400) level a \$12.00 per credit increase and
- for graduate non-resident (500-600) level courses a \$12.00 per credit increase.

Reference 1 reflects the previously approved AY2014 tuition rates and the proposed increases for AY2015.

The Board of Regents reserves the right to revise tuition rates per Regents' Policy 05.10.060.E.

VI. Approval of the University of Alaska FY15 Operating Budget Request Reference 2

The president recommends that:

MOTION

“The Board of Regents approves the FY15 operating budget request in accordance with the plan as presented. This motion is effective November 6, 2013.”

POLICY CITATION

Regents' Policy 05.01.01.A. – Budget Policy, states: "The budget of the university represents an annual operating plan stated in fiscal terms. All budgetary requests shall be adopted by the board prior to submittal to the Office of the Governor or the legislature."

RATIONALE/RECOMMENDATION

Associate Vice President Rizk will provide an in-depth review of UA’s FY15 Operating Budget Request. During the presentation, changes from the previous drafts will also be discussed. Reference 2 provides details for the proposed FY15 Operating Budget Request.

VII. Approval of the University of Alaska FY15 Capital Budget Request Reference 3

The president recommends that:

MOTION

“The Board of Regents approves the FY15 capital budget request in accordance with the plan as presented. This motion is effective November 6, 2013.”

POLICY CITATION

Regents' Policy 05.01.010.A. – Budget Policy, states: "The budget of the university represents an annual operating plan stated in fiscal terms. All budgetary requests shall be adopted by the board prior to submittal to the Office of the Governor or the legislature."

RATIONALE/RECOMMENDATION

Associate Vice Presidents Rizk and Duke will provide an in-depth review of UA’s FY15 Capital Budget Request. During the presentation, changes from the previous drafts will also be discussed. Reference 3 provides details of the proposed FY15 capital budget request.

VIII. Approval of the University of Alaska 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan FY15-FY24 Reference 3

The president recommends that:

MOTION

“The Board of Regents approves the 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan for FY15-FY24 as presented. This motion is effective November 6, 2013.”

Agenda

Meeting of the Full Board

November 6, 2013

Anchorage, Alaska

RATIONALE/RECOMMENDATION

The president and selected members of the university administration are routinely designated by the Board of Regents to handle any duties and responsibilities relating to classified information in connection with contracts with the Department of Defense and other federal agencies. These individuals are given an extensive security screening and are the only members of the administration, including the Board of Regents, to have access to classified information.

The university has received similar security clearances since the mid-1950s. Execution of the resolution allows regents and other members of the administration to be exempted from security clearance procedures.

The resolution is identical to resolutions previously passed except for changes to university administration which includes adding a primary and a secondary facility security officer at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

X. Board of Regents' Comments

XI. Adjourn