

The following resolution was passed at Faculty Senate meeting #232 on May 7, 2018

RESOLUTION

Student Emergency Absence

Whereas, this resolution is a response to Associated Students of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (ASUAF) SR 189-001 - Resolution to the Faculty Senate in Regards to Student Bereavement Leave ([ASUAF SR-189-001-FY18-Resolution-for-Student-Bereavement-Leave.pdf](#)). This resolution seeks to develop consistency in how faculty respond to emergency student absence; and

Whereas, the University of Alaska Fairbanks recognizes students may have unexpected emergency absences during the semester; and

Whereas, the University of Alaska Fairbanks recognizes students may experience times of grief and bereavement due to the loss of someone close; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate supports student academic development and achievement; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate recognizes that students who have experienced a significant loss might not return to school, might choose to drop classes, might be unable to return to classes within a week, might be unable to complete late work, might struggle with returning to academic life, might require delayed assistance/services, and might feel uncomfortable asking for more help; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate encourages students that have emergencies during the semester to notify a university representative of their absence, and to communicate directly with their instructor; and

Whereas, the Faculty Senate encourages faculty to work with students that have an emergency absence to develop a plan that makes it possible for the student to continue their degree progress; or to discuss other options, including: No Basis (NB), Audit (A), Withdrawal (W), and Incomplete (I); and
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Resolved that the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) recognizes that students will have emergency absences and that these absences may impact academic performance. Students are encouraged to notify a university representative (e.g., their instructor, the Dean of Students, an academic advisor, a Campus Director) of the unplanned absence, and faculty are encouraged to work together with students to develop a plan to complete the semester.

Be it further resolved that the Faculty Senate create an adhoc committee composed of faculty, staff, and student representatives to formulate a policy regarding Student Bereavement and/or Emergency Absence in 2018-2019.

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