



Minutes
Coalition of Student Leaders
Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

[Google Hangout](#)

Audio: 1-855-280-1855

(Please mute your mic unless speaking.)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Voting Members:

UAA student representatives:

Shannon Cefalu, Kachemak Bay Branch Student Association (Homer)

Amber Sweetland, Kenai River Campus Student Union (Kenai), Coalition Vice Chair *left at 3:30 p.m.*

Jeff Woods, Kodiak College Student Association (Kodiak)

Jack Rogers, Matanuska-Susitna Student Government Council (Palmer)

Morgan Wadsworth, Prince William Sound Community College Student Association (Valdez)

Stephen (Joey) Sweet, Union of Students at the UAA (Anchorage) *left at 3:40*

UAF student representatives:

Joseph Altman for Cordero Reid, Associated Students of UAF (Fairbanks), Coalition Historian

UAS student representatives:

David Russell-Jensen, United Students of UAS (Juneau) *left at 3:30 p.m.*

Liv Richards, United Student of UAS (Sitka), Coalition Treasurer

Non-Voting Ex-Officio Members:

Corrina Atkins, Coalition Secretary

Colby Freel, Commissioner, Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

Stacey Lucason, Student Regent, UA Board of Regents

Samantha Weaver, System Governance Council Representative

Staff:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Members Absent:

Tellisha Frankhouser, United Students of UAS (Ketchikan)

Brooke Wright, Interior Alaska Campus

2. Adopt agenda

Morgan asked to add Legislative Fly-In dates to Ongoing Business (Item E). David asked to add Legislative Internship Stipends to New Business (Item B). Joseph moved to adopt the agenda as amended, Jack seconded. The agenda was adopted as amended.

3. Public and Guest Comments

None given.

4. Ongoing Business

A. Officer and Committee Elections

i. Chair

Jack moved to hold the vote by roll call, and Joseph seconded. Following a roll call vote, the motion failed 6-3.

In favor: Jack, Jeff, Joseph

Opposed: Shannon, Amber, Morgan W., Joey, David, Liv

Liv moved for a ballot election, David seconded. No objections, although Jeff abstained.

Motion carried. After some discussion, it was decided members would vote by ballot, emailed or texted to Morgan D., who would then share the ballots with Corrina (Coalition secretary) for corroboration.

Jeff gave remarks in which he discussed his experience in leadership and that he felt he will be a good fit for chair of the Coalition.

Colby gave remarks centered on three points – running meetings, need to make sure all voices are heard and every CSL rep has a chance to participate, and communication to BOR – he noted he also had experience working with President Johnsen and several boards.

By a vote of 6-3, Colby was elected chair.

ii. Student Services Council Representative

Jeff nominated Liv, however, she declined the nomination.

Joseph nominated himself.

There were no further nominations. There were no objections and Joseph will serve as the SSC representative.

B. Annual Meeting Schedule

Colby asked to set the meeting schedule to meetings every other Wednesday from 2:30 – 3:30.

There were no objections. Morgan D. will check on President Johnsen's availability for the Oct. 26 meeting.

C. Strategic Pathways Discussion – Phase II Review Teams

Jeff reported the fisheries review is underway and going well, although he felt they lost time having to explain things to their facilitator. Joey noted he was on the Student Affairs committee and it also went well, although the facilitator seemed to go long; overall, he is optimistic they will be productive with their review. Colby asked if this time around, the groups were presented with three options or if they were asked to create their own options. Jeff noted that wasn't the way it was for Fisheries, but Sam noted that in e-Learning they did have three options. Suggestions for Phase III student reps will be on future Coalition agendas.

- D. **Mandatory Course on Campus and Sexual Safety – Ad Hoc Committee**
Jeff moved to create an ad hoc committee to review other programs for safety training, seconded by Liv. There were no objections. The motion carried. Colby asked for volunteers to serve on the committee. Jeff, Jack, Sam, Joe and Joey volunteered to serve on the committee and will report back to the Coalition on their activities.
- E. **Legislative Fly-in Dates**
Jeff moved to hold the legislative fly-in on Feb. 11-14, and Liv seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried and the suggested dates were adopted.

5. New Business

- A. **Athletics survey – Morgan D.** asked for students to confirm the scope of the survey. They indicated they would like her to develop the survey around two ideas: a) how committed students are to having athletics at UA, and b) are they willing to cut academic programs before they cut athletics.
- B. **Legislative Internship – David** had left the meeting, however, Colby gave a brief update on the issue. Essentially, UA needs to find another funding source for legislative internship stipends. Stacey advised re-directing this issue to the BOR. David is working on a white paper to describe the program, and to work on garnering support for the program. This issue will remain on the Coalition meeting agenda until it can be addressed.

6. Student Regent Update

Regent Lucason noted the Board had met recently to finalize the presidential bonus structure for this year. She also attended the Alaska Public Higher Education Roundtable (APHER) Oct. 5, at which several different funding models were discussed (including one that would increase UA in-state tuition to 1.3 of the nation's average for in-state tuition—to help offset cost of doing business in Alaska). Regent Lucason also noted the Board's budget session is coming up where there will be a walkthrough of 10-year budget plan for UA. Public testimony before the Board will take place on Monday, October 31 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Regents will also hold a public reception in Fairbanks on Nov. 10. The student regent encouraged students to send public testimony as well as by email to ua-bor@alaska.edu.

7. Student Commissioner Update

Commissioner Freel noted the Commission supports a constitutional amendment regarding general obligation bonds to fund student loans. The end result would be reduced-cost loans for Alaskan students. If you are interested in supporting this, please contact Colby at ccfreel@laska.edu. Colby also reminded students to file their FAFSA (and that do not have to pay—if they are asked to they are at the wrong website).

8. Campus Reports

Kachemak Bay – Shannon – KBC now has all of its officers and will start to meet soon.
Kenai River – Amber – KPC is working on several small events, including a presentation by Planned Parenthood, along with providing on rides to polls on Nov. 8.
Kodiak – Jeff – Kodiak College sponsored a 5k/10k/half marathon with a local radio station.
MatSu – Jack – MatSu College had no new updates to report.
Prince William Sound – Morgan W. – PWSC is hosting Taco Tuesday, and any student wearing an 'I voted' sticker gets free dessert; they are also planning some Halloween events.
UAF – Joseph – ASUAF is busy this fall. They sent out a survey on alcohol training, as well as tuition increase, to which a majority of students responded it would create financial strain to increase tuition by 10%.

9. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

Suggestions of students to serve on Strategic Pathways Phase III Review Teams
Tuition increase – President Johnsen will attend to discuss his proposal with students
Athletics survey – a draft of the survey for students to approve or revise
Update from Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Safety Training
Legislative Internship Stipend

10. Roundtable/Announcements/Final Comments

11. Adjourn

Jeff motioned, Joe seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

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