Action of the
Coalition of Student Leaders
January 11, 2014

MOTION: “The student coalition requests to have a standardized systemwide student
government advisor training for all campuses.”

Rationale: To define the role of an advisor to the student governments, to assure autonomy of all
student governments, and to protect the student governments from fear of reprisal.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

From the January 11, 2014 minutes:
Students request representation on the committee creating the training. As a suggestion, the
training could be a simple PowerPoint as a reference for the campuses.

Shauna Thornton, Speaker 1-30-2014

For action by the President of the University of Alaska

Approved: ___________________________ Date: 10 Feb 2014

Modified: ___________________________ Date: ______________

Disapproved: _______________________ Date: ______________

Comments:
The examples cited in the conveying e-mail
are totally unacceptable. Any such future influence
that disregards BOR policy as it bears on
this issue should immediately be surfaced through
the Coalition Speaker and Governance Office.
Subject: Coalition of Student Leaders Motion from January 11, 2014

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AC Signature:  Suspense Date for Completion: Mar 28, 2014

Purpose/Background:
Motion to request systemwide student government advisor training

Recommendation(s):

Attachment(s): (list in order)
Motion on January 11, 2014

Routing for Coordination, Review, Comment, Approval, Signature

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Instruction(s) for final disposition:

☑ Return to Action Coordinator  ☐ Other (please use space above to explain)

*Action Coordinator: Accountable employee; responsible for questions, edits, information, and meeting the completion suspense date.
Response to Note on Coalition’s Advisor Training Motion

LaNora Tolman <latolman@alaska.edu>  
Fri, Feb 7, 2014 at 4:22 PM

To: President Gamble <ua.president@alaska.edu>
Cc: Dianne Milke <dlmilke@alaska.edu>, Dana Thomas <dlthomas@alaska.edu>

Good afternoon, President Gamble,

Per your question about "fear of reprisal" on the recent Coalition of Student Leaders’ motion, the students have experienced pressure and non-support from some of their advisors, even to the point of pressure to leave an elected office and they wanted to emphasize UA BOR Policy (P03.01.010 F.) along with the Coalition of Student Leaders’ Charter (Article 8) which state respectively: "Participants in governance shall carry out their governance responsibilities in good faith and to the best of their abilities without fear of reprisal" and "Students in governance are empowered to carry out their governance responsibilities to the best of their abilities without interference or fear of reprisal."

Some of the students’ complaints:

1. Professors and/or student advisors not supporting students’ governance involvement and their grades suffering because of it

2. Student government advisors putting undue pressure and/or control over student funds

3. An instance where a student was not supported by their local campus administration and forced out of their elected position as president

The students believe there is a system wide need for student government advisor training due to the non-supportive atmosphere at several of the campuses, and in my opinion, it seems to be coming from the smaller, rural campuses who may not understand the governance process.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss this further or would like more information. At present, Shauna is compiling a list of concerns from the students.

Thank you, and happy Friday!

LaNora

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"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."
— Maya Angelou