



Coalition of Student Leaders

Meeting Summary

Monday, September 14, 2015

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Voting Members Present

*Officers

UAA student representatives:

Everret Hamilton, Matanuska-Susitna Student Government Council (Palmer)

Jayce Robertson, Kenai River Campus Student Union (Kenai)

Jonathan Taylor, Union of Students at UAA (Anchorage)

UAF student representatives:

*Mathew Carrick, Associated Students of UAF (Fairbanks), CSL Vice Chair

Leslie Drumhiller, Associated Students of UAF (Fairbanks)

UAS student representatives:

*Callie Conerton, United Students of UAS (Juneau), CSL Historian

*Toby Wark, United Students of UAS (Sitka), CSL Chair

Ex-officio Members Present:

Stacey Lucason, Student Regent, Board of Regents, University of Alaska

Staff Present:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance, University of Alaska

Guests Present:

James R. Johnsen, President, University of Alaska

Saichi Oba, Associate Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services, University of Alaska

Opening remarks by President Johnsen

President Johnsen thanked the Coalition for allowing him to join their meeting. He noted it seems likely Governor Walker will move forward with budget cuts for FY17, with a net reduction of 4-5 percent. Which, bottom line, is \$15M less than FY16 for the University

of Alaska. His administration is looking for revenue to replace losses from the state and will start with private sources. However, he is also looking into differential tuition which would act as a sort of programmatic surcharge. He has AVP Oba and VP White looking into that option and they will be working on best practices and procedures for possible implementation. President Johnsen noted he want to communicate and work with students to create a planned, deliberate, and rational process.

Regarding base tuition increases, which will be discussed this week's BOR meeting, President Johnsen said he was exploring two options:

Option 1: increase tuition across the board by X%

Option 2: lower rate of increase for lower division courses, higher increase for upper and graduate courses

President Johnsen discussed pros and cons for each option. For example, most credit hours are at lower division level, so option 1 has an advantage of more revenue as well as simplicity. However, it does put a large portion of the burden of the increase on students seeking associate degrees. The tiered approach (option 2) clearly wouldn't capture revenue as effectively as one standard rate change but would leave UA in a more competitive position for its largest market.

Following questions from the Coalition, President Johnsen noted he thought there would likely be more direction concerning budget cuts from the Board of Regents than there was last time. He commented he and the Board didn't want to go through a slow and unfocused reduction process, pushing everybody into mediocrity. But rather still maintain, and possibly, enhance strengths at UA. He again thanked the Coalition and mentioned he looked forward to continuing this discussion at the CSL fall retreat.

Retreat Discussion

The date for the retreat has tentatively been set for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 2 and 3. Morgan will send out a Doodle poll to get availability on dates and times. There was general discussion regarding holding part of the meeting on Friday and then continuing on Saturday; there was some concern from Jayce Robertson regarding timing and location. USUAA has offered to host and will provide tickets to the UAA homecoming event on Friday evening.

Adoption of the Agenda and Past Minutes

Several members of the Coalition joined the meeting late due to technical difficulties with Google Hangout. Once these members joined, there was a large enough group for quorum. Following President Johnsen's and AVP Oba's remarks, and a brief discussion on the annual fall retreat, the meeting was officially called to order at 6:17 p.m. AKDT.

Callie moved to adopt the agenda, and Everett seconded. There were several suggestions to amend the agenda to reflect current membership.

JT moved to amend the agenda to reflect current attendance, and Callie seconded. As there were no objections, the agenda was adopted with amendments.

Callie moved to approve minutes from the February 21, 2015, meeting, and Everett seconded. There were no objections and the motion passed.

Motion to Hold the Retreat in Anchorage

Callie motioned to hold the annual fall retreat at UAA to reduce costs and allow Anchorage the opportunity to host, Mathew seconded. The motion passed with no objections by present members.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn and meet next Monday at 5:30 p.m. was made by Toby, and Callie seconded. There were no objections to adjourning or to meeting on Monday, Sept. 21 at 5:30 p.m. by Google Hangout, and the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. AKDT.