



Coalition of Student Leaders

Minutes

Thursday, October 1, 2015

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Via Google Hangout or Audio Conference

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Voting Members Present:

UAA student representatives:

Shannon Cefalu, Kachemak Bay Branch Student Association (Homer)

Jayce Robertson, Kenai River Campus Student Union (Kenai)

Jeff Woods for Brittany Patterson, Kodiak College Student Association (Kodiak)

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

Jonathan Taylor for Arina Filipenko, Union of Students at the UAA (Anchorage)

UAF student representatives:

Mathew Carrick, Associated Students of UAF (Fairbanks)

UAS student representatives:

Callie Conerton, United Students of UAS (Juneau)

Destony Rosas, United Student of UAS (Sitka)

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Stacey Lucason, Student Regent, UA Board of Regents

Guests Present:

Elizabeth Charnell, Advisor to Prince William Sound College Student Association

Staff Present:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Members Absent:

Junaid Khan, Prince William Sound College Student Association (Valdez)

Delegate TBD, Bristol Bay Campus (Dillingham)

Delegate TBD, Kuskokwim Campus Student Government (Bethel)

Delegate TBD, Northwest Campus (Nome)

Krystalee Gabbard, United Students of UAS (Ketchikan)

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Colby Freel, Commissioner, Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

2. Adoption of Agenda

Callie made a motion to adopt, which was seconded by Jeff. No objections and the motion passed.

3. Approval of Meeting Summary from September 14, 2015

Motion moved by Callie, Shannon seconded. No objections. The September 14 summary was approved without amendment.

4. New Business

4.1. Officer Elections

After discussion about the merit of holding elections now versus waiting until the retreat, JT made the motion, seconded by Jayce, to elect a chair and vice chair tonight and postpone the election of the remaining officers to the retreat. By a roll call vote of 5 (yes) to 3 (no) the motion passed. Those in favor: Shannon, Jayce, JT, Callie, Destony. Those opposed: Jeff, Everett, and Mathew.

a. Chair nominations

Callie nominated JT and he accepted.

Jayce nominated Callie, however, she did not accept the nomination.

Everett nominated Mathew and he accepted.

Jayce nominated Everett and he accepted.

Each nominee for chair provided a short introduction:

JT noted he had three reasons to accept the nomination: (1) he feels he can help with President Johnsen's charge for the student voice to be heard; (2) he wants to help create a united and legitimate front for the students; (3) he has the demonstrated experience through previous roles in UAA student government to take on the duties

of chair of the Coalitions.

Mathew introduced himself and noted he was senior at UAF but that he had also attended Mat-Su College; he is in his second term as president at UAF and they are currently working to better include CTC, so he has experience with both urban and rural/4-yr v. 2-yr schools and feels he can help bridge the two.

Everett noted he was serving his second year as president at Mat-Su, he is a business major, and wants to ensure better leadership in the Coalition

Following the introductions, several delegates posed additional questions.

Question #1: What is your experience with collective student voices? And what is your plan to do should you be elected?

JT noted that UAA has used micro surveys to target specific students to see what their opinions are, which they have found helps increase response rates, and he would like to see if micro surveys could be used effectively on a statewide level

Mathew noted his previous experience working with urban and rural campuses would help ensure we don't forget about rural campuses. He added he had been vice chair of CSL last year (2014-2015) and so has experience in organizing on a statewide level. He is also a big fan of committee work and would like to get the CSL's committees up and running again on a regular meeting schedule.

Everett commented he has also used surveys and also uses email, however, he likes to interact with students in person to garner interest for student issues. As far as statewide issues, he would listen to his fellow CSL members to see what is happening at the other campuses.

Question #2: What do you think is the biggest issue to impact students across the UA-system?

JT answered that the budget and how the university is funded is currently the biggest issue facing students across the system.

Mathew agreed funding was a serious issue and noted he felt legislative advocacy and the trip students make to Juneau is an important to getting funded. He noted he wants to work to make the trip as productive as possible in an effort to secure more funding for the university and added he would want to ensure better coordination for the trip.

Everett noted the legislative advocacy trip was important but thinks the Coalition could work to help secure scholarships.

Votes were sent by email and text to the executive officer who recorded the count as: 5 for Mathew and 3 for JT. By a vote of 5-3, Mathew was elected the new chair.

4.2. Vice Chair

Jayce nominated Callie and she accepted.

JT was nominated but declined the nomination.

Jayce nominated Everett but he also declined the nomination.

Votes were sent by email and text to the executive officer who recorded the count as: 5 for Callie, 3 abstained. By a vote of 5 in favor, Callie was elected vice chair.

4.3. Secretary – postponed until the retreat

4.4. Treasurer – postponed until the retreat

4.5. Historian – postponed until the retreat

4.6. CSL Meeting Schedule

- a. Next meeting – President Johnsen would like to discuss tuition – suggest meeting at least two weeks before the retreat to ensure adequate time to review with local student organizations

After review with the Coalition, the chair decided to meet next on Thursday, Oct. 15 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- b. Monthly meetings – Mathew will send out a Doodle to help identify the best time for regular monthly meetings.

5. Ongoing Business

5.1. Annual Fall Retreat

Callie moved to meet in Anchorage on Nov. 4 and 5, the motion was seconded by Jeff. CSL members voted by acclamation. The motion passed with no objections. The fall retreat will be held on Nov. 4 and 5 in Anchorage. The first day will be optional to attend the BOR budget meeting and the second day will include meetings with UA executive leadership, presentations on UA policies and procedures, and planning for addressing long-term issues and continued improvement.

5.2. Tuition response to President Johnsen

- a. President Johnsen would like to attend the next Coalition meeting to continue the discussion on tuition at UA. Please review his comments from Sept. 14.

6. Campus Reports

7. Comments and Special Orders

8. Adjourn

Callie moved to adjourn, seconded by Destony. No objections. Adjourned by 7:16pm.

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