



**Minutes
Coalition of Student Leaders
Regular Meeting**

Monday, 16 November, 2015

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Via [Google Hangout](#)

Or by audio conference: 1-855-280-1855

1. Call to Order and Roll Call 6:09pm

Voting Members Present:

UAA student representatives:

Shannon Cefalu, Kachemak Bay Branch Student Association (Homer)

Jayce Robertson, Kenai River Campus Student Union (Kenai)

Jeffrey Woods, Kodiak College Student Association (Kodiak)

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

Jonathan (JT) Taylor for Arina Filippenko, 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 Students of UAS (Sitka)

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Stacey Lucason, Student Regent, UA Board of Regents

Colby Freel, Commissioner, Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

Guests Present:

Leslie Drumhiller, ASUAF Government Relations Officer

Staff Present:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance
Samantha Weaver, United Students of UAS (Sitka) Historian

Members Absent:

Krystalee Gabbard, United Students of UAS (Ketchikan)
Junaid Khan, Prince William Sound College Student Association (Valdez)

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Callie moved to adopt, Destony seconded. No objections. Agenda adopted.

3. Approval of meeting minutes

- A. 30 October – Callie moved to adopt, seconded by Jeff. No objections. Minutes approved.
- B. 5 November – **Postponed to next meeting**

4. Officer Reports

- A. Mathew Carrick (Chair) – Thanks to everyone who participated in the November retreat. Was happy with the outcome and discussion. Was very nice to meet everyone. Student testimony at the BOR meeting was noted and appreciated.
- B. Callie Conerton (Vice-Chair) – Also expressed thanks for those who attended the retreat. Looking forward to seeing everyone again in Juneau in February.
- C. Junaid Khan (Secretary) – absent
- D. Arina Filippenko (Treasurer) – absent
- E. Sam Weaver (Historian) – No new activities to report.

5. Committee Reports

- A. Alaska Advantage Incentive Program committee – The committee reached out to Dory Straight, UA Scholarship Officer (dsstraight@alaska.edu) but it looks like the endowment is going to take roughly seven years before it will build enough to offer scholarships; will need to form a plan on how to move forward once they meet and will then give a recommendation
- B. Stay on Track committee – no updates; Morgan offered to pursue a written update from the head of Stay on Track (Mary Gower)
- C. System Governance Council – The Council will meet next on Nov. 30. They will have President Johnsen and Vice President White at the meeting and they will hold elections for a new chair.

6. Ongoing Business

- A. Resolution 2016-03b – Against eliminating differential tuition at Kodiak College and Prince William Sound College

During discussion, several points of view were offered from members and it became clear the Coalition would not reach agreement at this meeting. Callie made a motion to amend

the resolution, however, it wasn't seconded so she withdrew it. The group decided to form a working group to address the issues brought up during discussion (impact to Kodiak and Prince William, history behind differential tuitions, additional opportunities for tuition waivers/financial aid, 2-year institutions v. 4-year institutions, one time increase v. gradually bring the two campuses up to UA's rate). Initial members are Mathew, JT, Jeff, and Junaid, however, anyone else is welcome to join.

Jeff moved to postpone the resolution until the next meeting, Callie seconded. No objections. Resolution 2016-03b was postponed until the next meeting.

Mathew thanked everyone for the productive discussion.

7. New Business

None.

8. Campus Reports

Shannon – Kachemak Bay has been hosting events on campus (potlucks, food drives, etc.) in an effort to provide services to students. They also hosted President Johnsen for a brief visit; his event had a huge turnout and went well.

Jayce – President Johnsen also recently visited Kenai River Campus, along with Regent Parker. The president seemed to be very receptive and enthused by what he saw in Kenai and also seemed to be impressed by the fall retreat and the student testimony at the Regent meeting. Otherwise, Kenai River Campus is moving into a transition period—Jayce is graduating and Marcy won't be back next semester either so there will be new representatives in 2016.

Jeff – Kodiak College just hosted the annual scholarship fair with vendors in Kodiak, where they handed out forms for scholarship awards. Jeff may be going to Fairbanks depending on the BOR agenda. Brittany will remain as president next semester.

Everret – Overall, the events on campus going well (one did set off a fire alarm). They have been working with the Alaska Native Cultures Club, as well as finalizing end of semester events and getting ready for Thanksgiving.

JT – USUAA is finishing up process of looking at student life fees and will send a recommendation to the chancellor. They are hosting a presentation by Hilary Corna (a former Toyota Asia executive and author of "One White Face") talking about culture and assimilation and working with those different from you. USUAA will hold a Thanksgiving feast for UAA students/residents who otherwise wouldn't get one. JT and Mathieu Ostrander will also attend the December BOR meeting in Fairbanks. USUAA has create two new email accounts (problems@uaa.alaska.edu and solutions@uaa.alaska.edu) in an effort to provide an avenue for UAA student to voice their concerns or suggestions. They are also holding a joint

meeting with UAA Faculty Senate to tackle two issues: (1) student assessment of faculty and (2) shared governance.

Mathew – ASUAF is looking at fees for CTC under UAF; they are also working to identify who they are going to send the Juneau for the legislative visit in February.

Callie – USUAS-Juneau is holding a weekly coffee with student government for students on campus. They are also holding a Thanksgiving meal this week and are planning a “Destress Fest” before finals.

Destony – The retreat really invigorated USUAS-Sitka members and they are excited to start working on their local issues. They recently reached out to high school student governments to coordinate community service projects and to learn more about the high school organizations (also looking at reaching out to elementary schools). They held a retreat for their officers in Juneau last weekend and had a good team building/workshop event. They also met with Juneau student government reps. Lastly, Sitka is looking at updating its designs and involving local artists.

9. Future Agenda Items

Resolution 2016-03 and report from the working group

10. Comments and Special Orders

Mathew noted that next semester Coalition members will send their weekly schedule to Morgan to determine a set schedule.

Morgan mentioned she was finishing travel for the members who went to the Anchorage retreat.

Mathew, Jeff, JT and Mathieu Ostrander (and maybe Destony) will attend the Dec. 10-11 Board of Regents’ meeting in Fairbanks.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.