



Minutes
Coalition of Student Leaders
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 23, 2016
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Via [Google Hangout](#)
Or by audio conference: 1-855-280-1855

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Voting Members:

UAA student representatives:

Shannon Cefalu, Kachemak Bay Branch Student Association (Homer)
Cheryl Tuttle, Kenai River Campus Student Union (Kenai)
Jeffrey Woods, Kodiak College Student Association (Kodiak)
Everret Hamilton, Matanuska-Susitna Student Government Council (Palmer)

UAF student representatives:

Mathew Carrick, Associated Students of UAF (Fairbanks)

UAS student representatives:

Callie Conerton, United Students of UAS (Juneau)

Ex-Officio Members:

Stacey Lucason, Student Regent, UA Board of Regents

Staff:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guests

James R. Johnsen, President
Daniel M. White, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research

Members Absent

Junaid Khan, Prince William Sound Community College Student Association (Valdez)
Arina Filippenko, Union of Students at the UAA (Anchorage)
Krystalee Gabbard, United Students of UAS (Ketchikan)
Colby Freel, Commissioner, Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Callie moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Jeff. There were no objections. The agenda was adopted as presented.

3. Approval of February 9 meeting minutes

Callie moved to adopt the February 9, 2016, minutes, seconded by Jeff. There were no objections. The minutes were approved as presented.

4. Discussion with President Johnsen and VP White

- A. Legislative Advocacy** – President Johnsen noted that advocating for the university is very important. Now is a critical time because the legislature is working on the university's capital and operating budget – currently in House Finance Committee and being worked on by the Subcommittee on the University (led by Rep. Tammie Wilson).
- B. University Budget** – This year budget is around \$350 million from the legislature. The governor's proposal was \$335M; the budget proposed by Rep Wilson's subcommittee is \$288M including \$8 million for general funds goes to UAA and UAF region athletic program. The president and his staff are responding to requests from Rep. Wilson for information in research and outreach, which is good because legislators need to understand that the university needs matching funds for research to work at UA. The president also noted the need to advocate for SW administration as well—without SW the campuses would have to duplicate services three times over.
- C. Title IX** – The University produced scorecards which evaluate campus Title IX compliance. Each campus is working to improve on the items being evaluated and will provide regular updates at BOR meetings.
- D. SB 174 (Guns on Campus)** – UA has expressed concern regarding six areas of the bill – four of the six areas were adopted by the sponsors/committee in the draft that is being considered this afternoon. The president will testify later today to highlight the two areas not addressed (regulated conceal carry in areas where there are K12 students and permit and training requirements necessary before being allowed in certain areas on campus).
- E. HB 264 (Repayment of APS and Alaska education grants)** – The president noted he hadn't heard much about this bill but thought it is a legitimate bill for students to raise concerns about while in Juneau.
- F. Strategic Pathways** – The president noted the underlying assumption when he developed Strategic Pathways was having some stability in terms of our budget. The current plan can work within a reduced budget environment, however, it cannot succeed if the budget is cut to only "student instruction" (Rep. Wilson's \$288M proposal). The university would be forced to move quickly if the budget was reduced to Rep. Wilson's numbers and make changes starting at the beginning of FY17 (July 2016). The administration is currently working on creating teams who will look at areas, programs, degrees that will be included in Phase I of Strategic Pathways. They will analyze data over the summer and then, in the fall, the teams will meet to generate and evaluate options, providing a recommendation to the Board of Regents in February

2017, then will move on to an implementation plan, so that it will be ready to go in the summer of 2017, while also gearing up for Phase II. This approach is contingent on getting something closer to the governor's budget (\$335M) but if our budget is closer to \$288M than the process will be accelerated and revised.

When questioned about Kenai Peninsula College's status as a community campus and not a lead university, the president noted it is a community campus offering 2-year degrees with a mission more focused on technical and vocational education. He noted that size was not so much a factor as mission and purpose.

VP White also noted that, as budget unfolds, students are encouraged to contact him (or send items through Morgan) if you have questions.

5. Officer Reports

- A.** Mathew Carrick (Chair) – Reported nothing new other than working on legislative conference; after the conference, he would like to start a conversation about how to elect next year's chair – it isn't clear in charter which can lead to issues in the fall; main goal would be decide whether to elect someone at end of this semester or beginning of next semester. If at the end of this semester, than how Mathew will be treated as a Chair over the summer.
- B.** Callie Conerton (Vice-Chair) – Excited to see everyone. Reported the Coalition will be showing *The Hunting Ground* after dinner on Saturday and will include discussion with the UAS Title IX coordinator and Chancellor Rick Caulfield; also working on legislative appointments and will send out final schedule soon. She will explain later more about the offside location for CSL students where on Monday and Tuesday students can put their stuff before their meetings.
- C.** Junaid Khan (Secretary) – absent
- D.** Arina Filippenko (Treasurer) – absent
- E.** Sam Weaver (Historian) – absent

6. Committee Reports

- A.** Alaska Advantage Incentive Program committee – Have not met – committee may need new members (Sitka representative no longer serving and Robespierre is away too)
- B.** Stay on Track committee – rep not present
- C.** System Governance Council – Met yesterday and talked about results of SP feedback survey;
- D.** Community Campus Tuition Working Group – have not met; will discuss during the Juneau to see if need to include on the agenda

7. Ongoing Business

- A.** Legislative Conference agenda – Callie reviewed the draft schedule with Coalition members. Finalized the time for speakers. The conference will start on Saturday 2pm at Baranof. UAF chancellor Richard will be there to give another Intro. Member of Juneau

assembly and special assistant to Sen. Denis Eagan, his name is Jesse Kiel. Glen will be discussing to students about how legislature process works, Stephanie Butler will talk about Alaska Performance Scholarship and few former Alumni from will join us. Michelle Rizk is a new University Relation Vice President. Callie also encourages students to focus on Juneau advocacy trip.

- B.** Issues to discuss with legislators – Mathew reviewed items offered at the last meeting and asked if there were any more for consideration (none were offered).

8. New Business

No new business was brought forward.

9. Campus Reports

Shannon had nothing to report as the Kachemak student government has not met since the last CSL meeting.

Cheryl reported that Kenai River Campus has decided not to send students to Juneau for the legislative conference and have instead opted to video record testimony from students; also wanted to mention that smaller community campuses need to be highlighted as well and want to advocate for the issues closer to their community.

Jeff reported the Kodiak student government is trying to review their budget and have been having some difficulty getting access to it; they are still working on spring social planning; will only have Jeff attending the legislative conference from Kodiak – other two students were unable to attend; officers have voluntarily taken reductions in stipends and they have reinvested the funds in an excellence award.

Everret reported there was lots going on at the Mat-Su campus, including helping the student ambassador program in March with spring carnival; they are discussing where to hold their upcoming dance—at the café or theatre or even off campus; also working on holding officer elections late this spring.

Mathew reported no major updates and, due to technical difficulties, he cut his update short.

Callie reported the Juneau campus was working on preparing for the upcoming legislative conference, as well as the Banff Film Festival which starts next week after the conference.

10. Future Agenda Items

Possible resolution in opposition to SB 174 – need to get most current draft of bill

11. Comments and Special Orders

Jeff asked, regarding Strategic Pathways, if anybody knew how the lead campus would affect community campuses. Morgan noted that because community campuses have a 2-year mission, they would not be as affected by the lead university model.

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.