



Minutes
Coalition of Student Leaders
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 29, 2016

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Via [Google Hangout](#)

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

(Please mute unless speaking.)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Voting Members:

UAA student representatives:

Shannon Cefalu, Kachemak Bay Branch Student Association (Homer)

Jeffrey Woods, Kodiak College Student Association (Kodiak)

Arina Filippenko, Union of Students at the UAA (Anchorage)

UAF student representatives:

Mathew Carrick, Associated Students of UAF (Fairbanks)

UAS student representatives:

Alivia Richards, United Students of UAS (Sitka)

Ex-Officio Members:

Colby Freel, Commissioner, Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

Members Absent:

Cheryl Tuttle, Kenai River Campus Student Union (Kenai)

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

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

Callie Conerton, United Students of UAS (Juneau)

Krystalee Gabbard, United Students of UAS (Ketchikan)

Stacey Lucason, Student Regent, UA Board of Regents

Staff:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guests

Sandi Culver, Associate Vice President for Financial Services, UAA

Michael Hostina, UA General Counsel

Lori Klein, Title IX Coordinator, UAS

Raaj Kurapati, Associate Vice Chancellor for Financial Services, UAF

Saichi Oba, Associate Vice President for Student & Enrollment Services

Charlene Robertson, Accounting Services Manager, UAA

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Jeff moved to amend the agenda to include Resolution 2016-05, Liv seconded the amendment. Five in favor, none opposed.

Jeff moved to adopt the agenda as amended, Arina seconded. There were no objections. The agenda was adopted as amended.

3. Approval of February 23 and February 28 meeting minutes

Attachment 1 & 2

Jeff moved to approve both meeting minutes, Arina seconded. There were no objections. The February 23 and February 28 minutes were passed as presented.

4. Public and Guest Comments

Student Commissioner Colby Freel provided a brief review of SB 208 (An Act eliminating the Alaska education grant program and the Alaska performance scholarship program; and providing for an effective date). The bill has been fast tracked by the Senate and is now being reviewed by the Senate Finance committee. The bill seeks to phase out APS and AK education grants, and restricts the commissioner from issuing any awards after June 2016. The bill would also eliminate the Higher Education Fund on June 15, 2022. Today's hearing does not include public testimony; however, there will be an opportunity to testify in the future. If any Coalition members have resolutions, send them to Colby at cfreel@alaska.edu. UAA is holding a postcard campaign against SB 208. Kodiak is also planning a resolution.

5. Alaska's Open Meeting Act

Michael Hostina

General Counsel Hostina provided a general overview of the open meeting requirements in Alaska as outlined in Alaska Statute 44.62.310. Government Meetings Public.

Public Notice

Open meeting requirements in Alaska are relatively straightforward unless dealing with executive session. Requirements state public and governmental bodies must give reasonable public notice. UA Regents' Policy 02.06 state three days is sufficient notice for regular meetings and 24-hours for true emergencies. Notices must be posted on a public website or in a public bulletin board. One option is to post on the [Alaska Online Public Meeting Notice System](#). There is no requirement for advance agenda, and no requirement to post in newspapers.

Public Location

Under open meeting requirements, a body must convene in a public location and conduct meetings as public (when acting as advisory to the Board). In the case of the Coalition, which generally meets by video/audio, there should be a way to connect provide publically (i.e. an audio conference number). As a general rule, if the meeting is at a public location, they aren't required to have teleconference/distance participation. However, if meeting is only by audio/video, there must be public access to the meeting. Of course, bodies should still keep in mind what is most effective for the group and for its constituents. Would announcing an audio and then not having that useable—would that take us out of compliance? In some cases, maybe. However, if there is a physical location and it is reasonably convenient to attend, then it might not be as big of an issue.

Executive Session

There are likely not many reasons for CSL to go into executive session. The law already says to interpret the exceptions narrowly before going into executive session. However, because CSL is only an advisory body, the consequences of moving into executive session inappropriately would not be as severe.

Other Considerations

CSL should follow open meeting requirements because as a body it advises the UA Board of Regents. However, at times, CSL could be considered to not be a public body but more an arm of student government—when it is acting in its own interests rather than to provide advice to the Board.

The body can also adopt additional rules in its bylaws regarding meeting requirements. The body can also make decisions on how to move forward—it is the body's decision and can suspend its own rules with a two-thirds vote.

6. Credit Card Convenience Fee

Raaj Kurapati

As the university works to address one of the largest budget decrements in recent years, the administration is looking at ways to bridge the gap. One areas reviewed were credit card convenience fees—the fee charged by companies for processing credit card payments. This fee has typically been born by the university. In FY15, administrators started discussing transferring this fee to the user (i.e. the student). It is typically a 1-2% fee. All credit card payments going through UAOnline are subject to the fee. This transition will include purchasing a new software for processing. Administration sought input from local student bodies—at UAF they held a forum with students. Feedback from students has been mostly one of understanding the need for the change. There are still a number of different methods for payment available to students that will not be subject to this fee (e.g. cash, check, transfer). There will be a marketing plan and rollout for implementation. Working with SW offices to ensure technical aspects are in place for the new software. Implementation: June 1, 2016.

7. Revisions to Regents' Policy on Title IX Issues

Lori Klein

Lori Klein noted her thanks to the students for reviewing the Title IX revisions. If in the next few days, please feel free to send feedback directly to Lori or to Morgan.

8. Officer Reports

- A. Mathew Carrick (Chair) – Mathew said he would keep it short but noted there was only one more meeting left this semester; President Johnsen will attend the April 26 CSL meeting.
- B. Callie Conerton (Vice-Chair) – not present
- C. Junaid Khan (Secretary) – not present
- D. Arina Filippenko (Treasurer) – no update
- E. Sam Weaver (Historian) – not present

9. Committee Reports

- A. Alaska Advantage Incentive Program committee – no reps present
- B. Stay on Track committee – has not met
- C. System Governance Council – The Council met on March 14 with President Johnsen and again on March 21. They are currently reviewing feedback on Strategic Pathways. Another survey will be distributed in April. At the March 14 meeting with President Johnsen, members discussed Strategic Pathways and how to move forward if the FY17 budget is less than \$325M.

10. Ongoing Business

None.

11. New Business – Chair asked the group to discuss the resolution on SB 208 first. No objections.

- A. Resolution 2016-05 – Regarding SB 208 – Members reviewed the draft resolution and as a group made changes prior to voting.

After distributing the final version via email (Mathew also read it out), Jeff moved to vote and Liv seconded. All present members voted yes via roll call vote.

Resolution 2016-05 passed unanimously.

- B. Next Year's Tuition Increase

Saichi Oba

By middle of April, President Johnsen will send out a memo with his preliminary thoughts on a tuition increase for the next academic year. Likely no specific number to bat around but likely sense the president will lay out general guidelines on tuition in the coming years. Of course, what will drive the conversation more than anything will be what the legislature does with regards to the university's budget. Regarding affordability, the conversation is bigger than just cost. How affordable is this to our students? The

scope of affordability includes the programs and options available to students—is it still affordable if students can’t access the programs they want?

SB 208 – UA administration has started working on talking points, and should have them ready by the time public testimony be made available. UA feels APS helps students remain at the university longer. Also, students using APS typically have better preparation (requiring less remediation). APS students also take more credits. Overall, persistence and degree completion are enhanced by the scholarship. But APS also feeds into Alaska Education Grant for needs-based students—the elimination of which could significantly impact those students.

- C. Resolution of Support for the Alaska Native GER Attachment 6
UAF, UAA, and UAS student governments have already passed resolutions in support. Mathew discussed with VP White, who agreed it would still be a good issue for CSL to review and offer their opinion.

Arina moved to postpone until the next meeting, Liv seconded. No objections. Resolution postponed till the next meeting.

Note for the record: Arina left at 3:20, removing quorum. Remaining members opted to skip the remaining action items and moved to information items (12-14).

- D. Resolution Recommending a Required Campus Safety Course Attachment 7
- E. Criteria for Evaluating Programs/Services for Inclusion in Phase I of Strategic Pathways
- F. Transition Process

12. Campus Reports

Shannon – The Kachemak Bay campus is planning a retirement celebration (a tea party) for two professors who have taught in Alaska for many years; they have invited Kenai and Homer students to attend. They are also looking at next year’s budget and holding their presidential election.

Jeff – Kodiak is working on next year’s budget, as well as a showcase of excellence—a student exhibition put on by their local governance leaders.

Mathew – ASUAF sent a second group of students to Juneau and they met with a number of legislators. Overall a successful trip. They are now working on elections – half of the senate is up for re-election as well as president and vice president.

Liv – Sitka is dealing with officer changes – they’ve had a number of unexpected changes so have not been as productive as they’d like this year. They’re putting on small scale fundraiser and are working on their elections. Of the current members, there is interest in remaining which bodes well for next year.

13. Agenda Items for April 26 Meeting (President Johnsen will attend)

Postponed resolution on Alaska Native GER

Jeff asked to discuss the student-led rally in Juneau

14. Comments and Special Orders

Colby – He noted he will be in Juneau on Tuesday, April 5, for a ACPE meeting. They will take a position on legislation – if CSL members have opinions on any pending legislation, send them to Colby.

15. Adjourn

Jeff moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.