



Minutes  
**Coalition of Student Leaders**  
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 26, 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) *left at 3:00 p.m.*  
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) *left at 2:55 p.m.*  
Alivia Richards, United Students of UAS (Sitka)

Staff:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guests

James R. Johnsen, President, University of Alaska  
Daniel M. White, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research, UA

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)  
Krystalee Gabbard, United Students of UAS (Ketchikan)  
Colby Freel, Commissioner, Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education *ex officio*  
Stacey Lucason, Student Regent, UA Board of Regents *ex officio*

## **2. Adoption of the Agenda**

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

## **3. Approval of March 29 meeting minutes**

Jeff moved to approve the minutes without amendment, and Arina seconded. There were no objections. The minutes were approved without amendment.

## **4. New Business**

### **A. Resolution of Support for the Alaska Native GER**

Mathew opened the floor for debate on the proposed resolution, however, no one had any suggested changes or concerns about the wording or intent of the resolution.

Vote was taken by roll call. All voted yes. Resolution 2016-03 passed 6-0 and will be posted on the Coalition website ([www.alaska.edu/governance/student-coalition/](http://www.alaska.edu/governance/student-coalition/)).

### **B. Resolution Recommending a Required Campus Safety Course**

Mathew opened the floor for debate on the proposed resolution.

Liv moved to change the last clause to specify on-campus students (excluding distance students). Jeff seconded. Members engaged in debate but ultimately could not decide on a definition for 'on-campus' learning. Vote was taken by roll call. There were none in favor and as such the motion failed.

Arina moved to amend the final clause to specify: an online course not to exceed 4 hours. Callie seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. The final clause of the resolution was amended as proposed.

Voting to approve the resolution on a campus safety course was taken by roll call. All voted yes. Resolution 2016-04 passed 6-0 and will be posted on the Coalition website ([www.alaska.edu/governance/student-coalition/](http://www.alaska.edu/governance/student-coalition/)).

### **C. Resolution of Appreciation for Mathew Carrick**

Mathew noted his degree was in Economics, not Political Science. There were no objections to this change to the resolution.

Vote was taken by roll call. All voted to approve, however, Mathew abstained. The following resolution was approved 5-0-1 and will be posted on the Coalition website ([www.alaska.edu/governance/student-coalition/](http://www.alaska.edu/governance/student-coalition/)):

## **Resolution 2016-06**

### **In Appreciation of Mathew Carrick**

**Whereas**, Mathew Carrick has provided exemplary service to the students from the University of Alaska Fairbanks while pursuing a degree in Economics; and

**Whereas**, Mathew served as the president of the Associated Students of the University of Alaska Fairbanks and chair of the Coalition of Student Leaders for Academic Year 2016; and

**Whereas**, Mathew was a valuable asset to the Coalition as a thoughtful, dedicated, and conscientious chair; and

**Whereas**, Mathew advocated for students across the state of Alaska by pursuing legislation against the elimination of Alaska Performance Scholarship; and

**Whereas**, Mathew collaborated with faculty, staff, students, and legislators to plan the 2016 Legislative Affairs Conference in Juneau; and

**Whereas**, Mathew worked to inspire collaboration between the disparate UA campuses; and

**Now therefore be it resolved**, that the Coalition of Student Leaders gives its utmost appreciation to Mathew Carrick for his service to students at the University of Alaska; and

**Therefore be it further resolved**, that over the course of Academic Year 2016, Mathew Carrick distinguished himself as a student and as a leader; and

**Therefore be it further resolved**, that the Coalition of Student Leaders wishes Mathew the absolute best in wherever his goals and ambitions take him.

**Therefore be it further resolved**, that a copy of this resolution will be sent to Mathew Carrick and will be entered in to the official minutes of the Coalition of Student Leaders.

#### **D. Resolution of Appreciation for Callie Conerton**

Vote was taken by roll call. All voted to approve, however, Callie abstained. The following resolution was approved 5-0-1 and will be posted on the Coalition website ([www.alaska.edu/governance/student-coalition/](http://www.alaska.edu/governance/student-coalition/)):

## **Resolution 2016-07**

### **In Appreciation of Callie Conerton**

**Whereas**, Callie Conerton has provided exemplary service to the students from the University of Alaska Southeast-Juneau Campus while pursuing a degree in Elementary Education; and

**Whereas**, Callie served as the president of the United Students of the University of Alaska Southeast-Juneau Campus and vice chair of the Coalition of Student Leaders for Academic Year 2016; and

**Whereas**, Callie was a valuable asset to the Coalition as a reliable, diligent, and spirited vice chair; and

**Whereas**, Callie advocated for students across the state of Alaska by consistently tracking the actions of the Alaska State Legislature; and

**Whereas**, Callie collaborated with faculty, staff, students, and legislators to plan the 2016 Legislative Affairs Conference in Juneau, taking on the lion's share of the work herself; and

**Whereas**, Callie worked to inspire collaboration between the disparate UA campuses; and

**Now therefore be it resolved**, that the Coalition of Student Leaders gives its utmost appreciation to Callie Conerton for her service to students at the University of Alaska; and  
**Therefore be it further resolved**, that over the course of Academic Year 2016, Callie Conerton distinguished herself as a student and as a leader; and  
**Therefore be it further resolved**, that the Coalition of Student Leaders wishes Callie the absolute best in wherever her goals and ambitions take her.  
**Therefore be it further resolved**, that a copy of this resolution will be sent to Callie Conerton and will be entered in to the official minutes of the Coalition of Student Leaders.

**E. Transition Process**

Mathew noted that the Coalition's charter states chair elections are held each fall, however, Mathew will cease to be a part of UAF student government at the end of the Spring 2016 semester. As such, he would like to have local student government representatives give the governance report to the Board of Regents at their June meeting in Anchorage, and possibly their September meeting in Juneau. Of course, if a new Coalition chair is elected prior to the September BOR meeting, they will provide the report.

**F. Inclusion of Enrollment Status in Directory Information**

Morgan asked for members to send any concerns to her and she will share them with Associate Vice President Saichi Oba.

**5. Discussion with President Johnsen & Vice President White**

President Johnsen and Vice President White joined the meeting from 2-2:45 p.m. President Johnsen provided a brief update on several subjects (including budget, Strategic Pathways, SB 174 and other legislative bills with the potential to affect UA) and then opened the floor for questions.

The president also asked Coalition members if they would have concerns if academic programs were reviewed over the summer; he noted this was timeline could be problematic in as much as faculty are typically off contract during the summer months and students are mostly off campus as well. Members in attendance did not note any concern but rather voiced support for moving ahead with academic program review.

Budget update: The president noted he was working to garner support for UA in the legislature. Part of the issue is that, while there are lots of supporters, UA is often used as a bargaining point between legislators. At the moment there is a good deal of shuffling and dealing between PFD cuts, income tax, sales tax, etc. and it sounds like UA will be one of the last budgets settled. The president and senior administrators are currently planning for a \$300M budget allocation from the state, which would create a 22 percent reduction from the previous year's budget.

SB 174: The “guns on campus” bill is currently stalled in House Finance Committee. If session closes sooner than later, the bill might die. However, the longer they are in session the greater likelihood the bill will pop up later as a bargaining chip.

Strategic Pathways: As part of Strategic Pathways, the president has approved an expedited review of IT, collegiate athletics, grant and contract administration, possibly procurement, and possibly other administrative areas. The president noted they are looking into NCAA rules regarding athletic consortiums.

Arina noted she had heard concern about the timelines presented in the president’s report to the BOR on Strategic Pathway – especially the IT issues (she noted the shift to Google Apps from Outlook and centralizing IT in Fairbanks). President Johnsen noted there will still be service at every point, however, there will be streamlining, especially online. There might even be helpdesk outsourcing—but could still be located onsite. He also noted he was aware there were concerns about moving to one email server but stated he felt it was the right move for UA at this time.

Tuition: The president noted that in addition to the five percent increase approved by the Regents in November 2015, he plans to pursue a mid-year increase that will be effective in January 2017. He also recently approved surcharges for management programs in Fairbanks and Juneau, and engineering programs in Fairbanks and Anchorage.

Jeff Woods asked the president about the recommendation to move Kodiak and PWSC to the same tuition as the rest of UA campuses and asked if the president was concerned about the impact to those communities, especially in light of additional tuition increases. The president noted that he was concerned but also planned to discuss with regents ways to offset tuition in those communities.

Accreditation – Dan gave a brief update and noted the letter he sent to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities was a request for consultation with them regarding moving to a single accreditation model.

## **6. Public and Guest Comments**

None given.

## **7. Officer Reports**

- A.** Mathew Carrick (Chair) – Mathew had no new information to share and instead offered his thanks to the group for the opportunity to work with all of the student government representatives across the system.
- B.** Callie Conerton (Vice-Chair) – Callie thanked the group for all their work over the year.
- C.** Junaid Khan (Secretary) – Absent.

- D. Arina Filippenko (Treasurer) – Arina had no new updates but also offered her appreciation to the group for their work over the last year.
- E. Sam Weaver (Historian) – Absent.

## **8. Committee Reports**

None of the committees have met since the last CSL meeting.

## **9. Campus Reports**

Shannon – Kachemak Bay student government activities are almost done for this school year. They are holding elections for student association president coming up shortly, however, elections for the other officer positions will be held next fall.

Mathew – ASUAF is wrapping up its year as well and have one senate meeting left. Next year's president is Colby Freel and the next Coalition representative is Cordero Reid.

Liv – Sitka elections are in full swing and will end on May 6. They are in the midst of finals week, and Sitka SGA is hosting a "De-stress Fest", providing snacks, sandwiches, free massages and yoga clinics, and a coloring station for students. They are moving forward with planning programming for the next year and new merchandise orders. Their meetings will be finished by the end of May, but informal meetings are likely to be held over the summer. They are planning a teamwork retreat for August. It looks like Liv will also be the Coalition Representative next year as well (subject to change depending on elections).

Arina – USUAA held elections and their new president is Sam Erickson and their new vice president is Johanna Richter, however they won't know who will be Coalition representative until next fall. USUAA also recently announced staff and faculty awards for 2016.

## **10. Agenda Items for Retreat Agenda**

None given.

## **11. Comments and Special Orders**

Morgan noted she felt lucky to have worked with such an amazing group of students during her first year with System Governance, and she thanked them for all of their hard work, dedication and passion.

## **12. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.