



Minutes
Coalition of Student Leaders
Business Meeting

Wednesday, November 23, 2016
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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)

Jack Rogers, Matanuska-Susitna Student Government Council (Palmer)

UAF student representatives:

Cordero Reid, Associated Students of UAF (Fairbanks), Coalition Historian *left at 3:30 p.m.*

UAS student representatives:

David Russell-Jensen, United Students of UAS (Juneau)

Liv Richards, United Student of UAS (Sitka), Coalition Treasurer

Non-Voting Ex-Officio Members:

Corrina Atkins, Coalition Secretary

Colby Freel, Commissioner, Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, Coalition Chair

Samantha Hoffman, System Governance Council Representative

Stacey Lucason, Student Regent, UA Board of Regents

Amber Sweetland, Kenai River Campus Student Union (Kenai), Coalition Vice Chair

Guests:

Kayla Hood, UAS Administrative Assistant

Staff:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Members Absent:

Jeff Woods, Kodiak College Student Association (Kodiak)

Morgan Wadsworth, Prince William Sound Community College Student Association (Valdez)

Stephen (Joey) Sweet, Union of Students at the UAA (Anchorage)

Brooke Wright, Interior Alaska Campus

Tellisha Frankhouser, United Students of UAS (Ketchikan)

2. Adopt agenda

David moved to approve with amendments of COE proposal and Leg Fly-in planning. Jack seconded. David clarified he made the motion because he wasn't sure if legislative planning would be included in new business under 5B. There were no objections. The amendments were accepted as presented. There were no objections to the agenda and the agenda was adopted with the proposed amendment.

3. Public Comments

None given.

4. Ongoing Business

A. Athletics Survey – Initial Results

Morgan discussed initial results with members. To date there have been roughly 1200 responses, showing overall support for athletics programs. Per Morgan, the open ended response question will need to be reviewed with Institutional Research department.

David moved to close the survey on Nov. 30, and Cord seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

Cord moved to have another email send to students to remind them of the survey, and Shannon seconded. There were no objections and the motion carried.

Morgan will also forward the message to the Coalition list serve so all members have the message.

B. Update from Ad Hoc Committee on Campus Safety Course

Sam reported that Jeff is working with a local Sociology professor with experience with safety courses on the feasibility of developing a UA-specific course. The professor has requested the opportunity to assist in developing course content. Per Sam, the next report will be more in depth. Colby thanked the committee for their work so far and asked them to continue to bring issues before the Coalition.

C. Strategic Pathways Phase III

Morgan noted the VP's office was still finalizing review areas and meeting dates, and she will update the Coalition when she has more information on the next Strategic Pathways cycle.

D. College of Education Consolidation Proposal

David noted the regents opted to postpone to approve the COE consolidation proposal at their November meeting. He encouraged students to continue to send them their concerns and share their opinions in order to make an impact (drafting resolution, emailing the Regents, getting involved at the local level, etc.). He noted the Board will meet on Dec. 14; Morgan will distribute the agenda as soon as it is made public.

5. New Business

A. Enrollment Strategy – Feedback needed by Dec. 7

Morgan gave a brief review of AVP Oba's request for feedback on the enrollment strategy document.

David moved to form an ad hoc committee to review and provide feedback, and seconded by Cord. There was no discussion. There were no objections, and the motion carried.

Colby asked for volunteers. David, Corrina, and Cord all volunteered. There was discussion and agreement that non-Coalition members of local student government can participate in the review and feedback. Colby will select a chair following the meeting.

B. Legislative Fly-in Planning

David and Kayla led the discussion on planning. David noted he was working to invite members of the legislature to speak to the students (Lt. Gov. Mallot and former Sen. Albert Kookesh). David also mentioned a theme—he had some ideas—150th anniversary of 1867 treaty session between Russia and US. Morgan suggested an ad hoc committee to help plan. Stacey noted Miles Baker, the new state relations liaison, was interested in helping as well.

David moved to form an ad hoc committee on legislative planning, and Jack seconded. There was no discussion, and no objections. The motion carried.

Colby asked for volunteers. David, Jack, Cord, and possibly Joey would like to volunteer. Colby noted it might be worthwhile to add a standing committee to the Coalition charter. David asked that absent members be copied on the initial email to see if they would also like to participate.

Morgan noted she would contact the committee, and copy Colby, Stacey and Kayla.

C. Legislative Fly-in Registration Form

[Form Link](#)

Morgan asked members to distribute the form to their student governments, and to let her know if there are any questions or suggested changes to/about the form.

D. Regent and Commissioner Elections

[BOR Website](#)

Morgan noted the elections should be completed by Feb. 17, 2017 and names sent to the BOR office by March 1, 2017.

6. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

None given.

7. Student Regent Update

Stacey noted the Dec. 14 meeting to address the COE proposal. She encouraged students to send in their comments to the Board as there won't be a public testimony period at the meeting.

Alaska Native Studies Council update – The proposal is in process in front of Statewide Academic Council and will likely be reviewed by the Board at their March 2017 meeting.

Stacey thanked students for their work on Title IX and campus safety and noted she is interested in hearing the next update.

Legislative fly-in – Stacey noted there are a number of junior legislators who will have a lot of work to do to catch up on budget issues, so it helps to have a unified effort to approach them.

8. Student Commissioner Update

Colby noted the Commission had not met since the last CSL meeting. He encouraged every campus to promote student commissioner elections at their local level. The student commissioner position is a somewhat low time commitment but a big responsibility and can have an impact on higher education in Alaska.

9. Campus Reports

Kachemak Bay – Shannon noted they were working on an health awareness/fitness challenge.

Kenai – Cheryl noted KRC is winding down for the semester, with lots of food events in November.

Juneau – David noted they would hold a final distress fest for final, with puppies and coloring book stations and a screening of the movie Elf. He also noted they might need to make appointments to fill officer vacancies.

Sitka – Liv reported on finals week activities, including massage therapist and yoga workshop. She noted they are also trying to also engage distance students by sending packets with tea bags and other items. The Sitka student government is also planning on collaborating with community members (Jeff Bud) on the sesquicentennial of the treaty session.

10. Roundtable/Announcements/Final Comments

11. Adjourn

David moved to adjourn, and Liv seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.