



Minutes  
**Coalition of Student Leaders**  
Business Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 2017  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Audio: 1-866-832-7806, guest PIN 8266781

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting came to order at 10:05 a.m.

Voting Members:

*UAA student representatives:*

Nathan Grilley, Kenai River Campus Student Union (Kenai)  
Stephen (Joey) Sweet, Union of Students at the UAA (Anchorage)

*UAF student representatives:*

Cordero Reid, Associated Students of UAF (Fairbanks) and Coalition Historian

*UAS student representatives:*

David Russell-Jensen, United Students of UAS (Juneau)  
Samantha Hoffman, United Student of UAS (Sitka) and System Governance Council Representative

Non-Voting Ex-Officio Members:

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

Staff:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guests:

James R. Johnsen, President, University of Alaska (joining at 10:35 a.m.)

Members Absent:

Shannon Cefalu, Kachemak Bay Branch Student Association (Homer)  
Jeff Woods, Kodiak College Student Association (Kodiak)  
Jack Rogers, Matanuska-Susitna Student Government Council (Palmer)  
Morgan Wadsworth, Prince William Sound Community College Student Association (Valdez)  
Victoria McCoy, United Students of UAS (Ketchikan)  
Stacey Lucason, Student Regent, UA Board of Regents

## 2. Adopt agenda

David moved to adopt agenda with an amendment to review a resolution in opposition to SB103, seconded by Nathan. No objections. Agenda was adopted with amendment.

## 3. Approve February 16 and March 9 Minutes

[Reference 1](#) & [Reference 2](#)

David moved to approve, and Nathan seconded. There were no objections. The minutes were approved as presented.

## 4. Public Comments

None given.

## 5. Ongoing Business

### A. Indigenous Peoples' Day

[Reference 4](#)

David led a discussion on this proposed resolution. USUAS-JC recently passed a similar resolution. He also noted President Johnsen has indicated his support.

Nathan moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Sam. There was no additional discussion. There were no objections. The resolution passed as presented.

## 6. New Business

### A. Title IX Feedback

[Reference 5](#)

Morgan gave a brief overview of current Title IX issues and, per the April 13 email from Mary Gower, students had until April 21 to provide feedback on the draft document.

### B. SB 103/APS Elimination

[Reference 6](#)

David distributed a draft resolution in opposition to the elimination of the Alaska Performance Scholarship. A similar resolution is being drafted by USUAS-JC. Colby noted ASUAF will also be passing a similar resolution opposing SB 103.

David moved to approve the resolution as presented, seconded by Nathan. There was no additional discussion and there were no objections. The resolution passed as presented.

### C. Shared Governance Questions for Board of Regents

[Reference 7](#)

Colby gave a brief overview of the Board's request. Morgan suggested distributing a survey to Coalition members and their respective groups. Members agreed this would be a good way to collect feedback from students on governance process.

### D. Proposed Revisions to Policy and Regulation 09.06

[Reference 8](#)

Morgan gave a brief overview of the review request from General Counsel and noted if members had feedback to submit to her.

## 7. President Johnsen

President Johnsen joined the call at 10:35 a.m. He noted he was in Juneau meeting with legislators to advocate for support for the University's FY18 budget. The president noted he was cautiously optimistic about the outcome of the operating budget and the governor is supportive of the University. There still isn't any support for the University's \$50M capital request. He noted there was also an assault going on the Alaska Performance Scholarship, the Alaska Higher Education Investment Fund

and the Alaska Education Grant in SB103, and that UA was doing all it could to oppose the elimination of those important programs. The president noted he will continue to advocate for the House budget of \$325M and if that passes they will continue with their plan for tuition increases (5% for Fall 2017, as noted last year). If the budget were less than the House budget (which is likely since the Senate is currently at \$303M) the president noted he would likely need to increase tuition further. Colby asked what affect a mid-year tuition increase would have on enrollment; the president didn't have a definitive answer but noted that in the early 2000s there were four straight years each with a 10% increase in tuition and there was actually a tuition increase during that period. The president noted he was working with Scenarios Network for Alaska + Arctic Planning (SNAP) on modeling enrollment, including tuition, and will hear an update from them next week; he noted members could get in touch with AVP Oba regarding the assumptions used for the modeling. Colby noted it is hard to provide feedback without knowing how much of an increase and the president stated he appreciated that perspective and encouraged Colby and the students to continue to remind him of it.

#### **8. Student Regent Update**

None given.

#### **9. Student Commissioner Update**

Colby reported he attended his last meeting as student commissioner. The Commission passed a resolution in opposition of SB 103/in support of the APS. He also reported members received a presentation from the head of Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) and how Alaska's use compares to other states. He noted he enjoyed his time as student commissioner.

#### **10. Campus Reports**

Nathan – He noted the KPC student government was working on more direct outreach to students and getting more involved.

Joey – He reported USUAA recently concluded their student body elections and the new president and vice president will be announced shortly. USUAA is also holding a series of courses (kind of like self-defense) called [Senshido](#); he noted there had been good turnout to the events. Other than that, USUAA is winding down. They recently completed budgets for next year, selected scholarship recipients, and are gearing up for the summer assembly.

Cord – ASUAF held their student body elections and will announce the new president shortly. There was good voter turnout this year—much higher than usual. ASUAF also elected a new Coalition rep, Sam Mitchell. Other than that, they are wrapping up the current session and preparing to for the summer session.

David – USUAS-JC are finalizing plans for Destress Fest during finals week. They are holding their general election for student body representatives next week.

Sam – USUAS-SC is hosting a sexual assault awareness event – will show a video that discusses victim blaming (*Audrey & Daisy*) – they will have the movie's producers on the line for questions after the viewing. They are also making plans for finals week and plan to offer massages, coffee, and refreshments to students. They are holding elections next week. Sam noted she had wrapped up the FY18 budget projections this week. She also reported they had commissioned local artists to make new logos for student government and the Sitka Campus, and they would be selling new logo items in the bookstore shortly.

**11. Roundtable/Announcements/Final Comments**

David noted he really enjoyed serving on the Coalition and thanked everyone for their hard work. He will be graduating in two weeks and won't be on the Coalition next year.

Colby offered congratulations to everyone graduating this year and thanked them for participating in the governance process. He also thanked David for serving as vice chair this semester and being a supportive Juneau liaison.

**12. Adjourn**

David moved to adjourn, seconded by Cord. The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

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