



## **Minutes**

**January 11, 2014**

Business Meeting took place at the Winter Retreat  
Hotel Captain Cook  
9:00a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

### **Meeting Called to Order and Roll Call Taken**

Jarmyn called the meeting to order at 9:10am.

#### Voting Members Present:

##### *UAA*

Drew Lemish  
Mallory Drover  
Teresa Cross  
Michael DiBattista  
Tatiana Topping

##### *UAF*

Ayla O'Scannell

##### *UAS*

Jarmyn  
Chris

##### *Staff*

LaNora  
Joseph

##### *Ex-Officio*

Courtney Enright

##### *Guests*

Dana Thomas, Vice President, Academic Affairs

### **Agenda Adopted and December Minutes Approved**

Michael moved to adopt the agenda and Teresa seconded. The agenda was adopted with changes.

Michael moved to approve the Dec. 6, 2012 minutes and Tatiana seconded. The minutes were approved.

### **Speaker's Report:**

Shauna asked the students to check their emails regularly for updates and for them to give their feedback when asked. The second semester is usually busier than first semester for the coalition.

### **Committee appointments:**

#### *System Governance Council*

There are proposed changes in process with the council.

Shauna talked about having someone else attend the meetings to make a smooth transition to next year: Tuition Task Force, Stay on Track, Shaping Alaska's Future and ITEC.

Chris, Teresa, Michael, Shauna, Ayla and Tatiana will not be running for student government next year.

### **Student Satisfaction Survey from Faculty Alliance:**

Faculty Alliance asked for feedback in identifying the university's needs and asked for student input. There will be three questions on the survey.

Three common themes the students came up with in their brainstorming session:

- Student Services would be a top question on the survey.
- Availability and time frame of coursework
- Professor involvement/faculty and advisor support

### **Coalition Charter**

Students revised the Charter.

Michael motioned to approved the changes in the Charter and Drew seconded. No one opposed and the motion carried.

Students discussed and made changes to the Standing Rules before Vice President Dana Thomas called into the meeting.

### **Shaping Alaska's Future**

Vice President Dana Thomas called to talk about Shaping Alaska's Future and shared the draft effects statements. He asked for the students to give constructive input and to pay attention to the verbiage as well.

Suggested revisions:

Theme 1

Issue B

Effect: "...efficient, and transparent in all areas of the student experience."

Issue E : "UA retention and graduation are low..." (excludes recruitment since UA does well in recruiting)

Effect: "UA's student retention and graduates reflect the diversity of Alaska."

Issue F

Effect: "...more opportunities to earn advanced degrees at UA especially those that fulfill Alaska's specific needs."

Theme 2

Issue A

Effect: "...without reducing university academic standards."

Issue B

Effect: "...certifying more Alaskan teachers."

Theme 4

Issue B

Effect: "UA is one of Alaska's centers of culture and the arts, with an emphasis on Alaska Native cultures and languages."

Theme 5

Issue C – Students gave positive input on this issue.

Issue E

Effect: "UA is widely recognized for internal collaboration across the system."

Student comments:

- Financial aid services as a possible issue not seen in the draft.
- Faculty and staff need to be included as they play a part in the student success.
- This project should continue past President Gamble's tenure and continue to shape Alaska's future. It is a continuing and ever changing document.

### **Standing Rules Continued**

Students finished editing the Standing Rules.

Ayla motioned to approve the changes to the Standing Rules and Michael DiBattista seconded. None opposed. The changes and edits to the Standing Rules were approved.

### **Future of the Coalition**

LaNora talked about prioritizing and streamlining processes to make meetings efficient as well as budget issues affecting retreats and travel. In addition, she suggested the importance of having the oral reports converted to written reports to save time at the monthly meetings and to include oral reports of the issues pertaining to the university systemwide and not social events.

Courtney expressed the desire to see the coalition members at the Board of Regents' meetings when the regents are in their hometowns.

The students conveyed the thought to have a written report from each campus to attach to the agenda of each meeting and have oral reports when issues arise that may be important to the coalition and have systemwide impact.

### **Coalition of Student Leader's/Pat Ivey Scholarship**

Jarmyn stated they will have a registration fee next year for the legislative session of about \$10 per person. The registration process will also let the System Governance Office know who is attending. It will raise money for the scholarship. Hard deadline dates will be established by the System Governance Office and the Juneau campus.

Action Item: Check with Dory Straight in the Foundation for information on the Pat Ivey Scholarship. A website is needed for the scholarship.

Joseph will check with Dory about the above information.

Students talked about forming an adhoc committee to put together the information to create a website for the scholarship. Shauna volunteered and Ayla stated she has senators who would be interested and she would get back to the System Governance Office about it. Chris Terry volunteered along with Leslie London from Kenai Campus.

## **Comments and Special Orders**

Teresa suggested creating a motion or some action about student government advisor training and referenced the minutes from the December 2013 meeting where the topic was brought up before. A possible suggestion is to ask for a PowerPoint to be created for the training and have it on the System Governance website as a resource to the campuses.

MOTION: “The student coalition requests to have a standardized systemwide student government advisor training for all campuses.”

Rationale: To define the role of an advisor to the student governments, to assure autonomy of all student governments, and to protect the student governments from fear of reprisal.

Students request to have representation on the committee creating the training. As a suggestion, the training could be a simple PowerPoint as a reference for the campuses.

Roll call vote for the motion:

Mallory Drover, yes

Teresa, Cross yes

Michael, DiBattista, yes

Tatiana Topping, yes

Ayla O’Scannell, yes

Jarmyn, Kramlich, yes

Shauna Thornton, yes

Chris Terry, yes

The vote was unanimously approved. Drew Lemish, Emily Abel, Jason Smith and Sitka were absent.

A discussion about student performance evaluation’s took place.

## **Adjourned**

Ayla moved to adjourn Chris seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:32pm.

*Minutes taken by LaNora Tolman*