



Minutes

November 7, 2013

6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Meeting held via Google Hangout

For more information: www.alaska.edu/governance

Voting Members Present:

Shauna Thornton, Speaker

UAA Student Governments:

Mallory Drover, Kachemak Bay Branch Student Association - Homer

Teresa Cross, Kenai Peninsula College Student Union - Kenai

Michael DiBattista, Matanuska-Susitna Student Government Council - Wasilla

Tatiana Topping, Prince William Sound Community College Student Association - Valdez

UAF Student Governments:

Ayla O'Scannell, Associated Students of UAF - Fairbanks

Jason Smith, Kuskokwim Campus Student Government – Bethel

UAS Student Governments:

Jarmyn Kramlich, Coalition Pro Tempore, United Students of UAS - Juneau

Chris Terry, United Students of UAS - Ketchikan

Staff:

LaNora Tolman, Executive Officer, System Governance

Joseph Altman, Coordinator, System Governance

Guests:

Saichi Oba, Associate Vice President, Student and Enrollment Services

3-students from Kenai

2-students from Juneau

2-students Prince William Sound

Call to Order and Roll Call

Shauna called the meeting to order, roll was taken with a quorum present.

Adopt Agenda and Approve Minutes

Jarmyn requested to add an additional item under the discussion topics: Sharon Carter's resignation and a possible resolution. Teresa motioned to adopt the agenda as amended and Michael seconded. The agenda

was adopted. Jarmyn moved to approve the September 19, 2013 and October 3, 2013 minutes. Tatiana seconded. The September and October minutes were approved.

Guest Comments

Saichi Oba talked about the November 6, 2013 board of regents meeting held in Anchorage. The students accepted the tuition budget for FY15 and the board passed it. In the future, the plan is to send out a survey to students twice a year to get feedback for the tuition budget.

Speaker's Report

Shauna talked about the November 6 board of regents meeting. It was a first for the board to attempt a zero increase in tuition after the students agreed to an increase. The board ended up passing the \$6 undergraduate increase and the \$12 graduate increase.

A Shaping Alaska's Future meeting occurred on October 31 and there is homework for students - look at the topics relating to students in the SDI report and give feedback. The document is online at www.alaska.edu.

It is important for students to stay involved in the various committees to give their input. Students are the end users and can help with the processes.

No response back yet on the network fee increase.

Tuition and Network Fee Increases

Campus Reports

UAA-Kachemak Bay – Mallory Drover

- Held an annual student craft fair on November 26
- Having a food drive for students - a first time event for students having difficulty making ends meet
- Just finished up Halloween events

UAA- Kenai – Teresa Cross

- Selling tofurkey on November 19
- Working on a dog show for raising funds
- Christmas Comes to Kenai - having a light parade on November 29

UAA-Mat-Su – Michael DiBattista

- Student office expanded from a 10 X 10 to a 20 X 20 room. They can hold meetings now without violating the fire code
- Started a clothing closet for students in need in a staff's closet with a discreet location
- Look to have a Veteran's Day event
- Planning a BBQ in a few weeks

UAA-Valdez – Tatiana Topping

- Volunteered to raise money for the library
- Ice Cream Social
- Planning a Student Forum
- Having an event Chasing Ice at the Whitney Museum
- Planning a game night for students
- Organizing Thanksgiving dinner

UAF-Fairbanks – Ayla O’Scannell

- Selected their team for the advocacy trip to Juneau in January
- Preparing for elections on November 25 and 26
- A student started a petition for smoking huts
- Starting a student poll for feedback on the systemwide smoke free initiative
- Revising governance agreements
- Started a food pantry at Wood Center – will have a grand opening before Thanksgiving and a contest
- Working on student travel money
- Working on changing their trust fund into a scholarship for students
- Traveling on two busses to Anchorage for the Governor’s Cup – students will have free tickets
- Working on an open house with ASUAF and all the other governance groups
- Looking at a regional retreat with all the campuses in UAF

Shauna asked the students to start writing their campus reports down and sending them in to her in an email to save time at the meetings.

Michael DiBattista said Matanuska-Susitna students had a fee increase approved by the chancellor which releases more funds to student government and allows them to hold more student events on campus.

UAF-Bethel – Jason Smith

- Student government was just set up and they will have their first meeting on Monday, November 11, 2013

UAS-Juneau – Jarmyn Kramlich

- Had ten departments participating in the Halloween event – held a best dressed Halloween costume contest
- Passed a resolution making their buildings accessible to less mobile students – push button doors will be installed – Jarmyn stated he took a challenge riding around in a wheel chair and found out it was not easy
- Nana contract is finished on June 30, 2014 and UAS will not be renewing – their own people will be hired to do the job – there is a possibility for student jobs
- Passed a resolution to have a shuttle service on campus
- A lunch with the provost will take place on November 12 to promote who he is and what he does
- Raised \$450 towards the Pat Ivey scholarship from their zombies versus humans event

UAS-Ketchikan – Chris Terry

- Had a Halloween party
- Had annual BBQ
- Planning a beer and wine tasting for the community
- Looking at holding a garage sale and a 50/50 raffle
- Discussing a high school student mentoring program
- Hold a kids night once a month on campus
- Putting together a food drive with the Salvation Army
- In the process of setting up a campus newspaper
- Working with the local restaurants to get food on campus

Committee Reports

System Governance Council –Ayla O’Sconnell

UA held a forum at UAA pertaining to Shaping Alaska’s Future and the third phase of SDI. Chris Christensen gave a report. The state is running a deficit like last year and will this year as well as the next several years. The production of oil is low even though the price is high. The state had to dip into savings and they are looking at cutting expenses on both the operating budget and capital budget. As the university, we are a large expenditure for the state and the only one having the ability to fund itself through tuition and other means. We are at a greater risk than other state agencies. We are going to need millions to cover all the contracts and raises and to cover the essential items might mean a cut from many other programs traditionally funded. The budget just passed by the BOR is on its way to the governor and then on to the legislature on November 15, 2013. Some of the numbers needed: \$78 million for the engineering buildings and \$250 million for the UAF power plant. He also mentioned deferred maintenance – the governor promised it in the past but basing it on this deficit, he is not sure on how much will be funded. The total is \$400 million for capital projects. There is a \$2 billion cap budget for the state. It does not look too good for the university. Maximum effect of SB 21 will not be felt until next year, and whether it remains in place or if it is repealed, we will still face a budget deficit and a budget cut for the university.

The council discussed the smoking ban and President Gamble wants more data on it before he can make a serious decision. The UAA staff numbers were 14% in favor, 8% opposed, 66% with no response. There are UAF numbers but they were not available. The UAF Faculty Senate drafted a resolution against the ban. President Gamble stated he wanted feedback especially from the student groups. It could lead to a campus-by-campus policy, or a systemwide policy or smoking huts.

Stay on Track

Shauna reported Stay on Track sent out two emails from the coalition speaker and were very successful. The first one had over 800 views. This proved there would be a great response if the coalition had student lists of email addresses.

Tuition Task Force

Saichi said this task force has met for three years. The regents and President Gamble formed the group in 2010 to get more of a formal mechanism to hear student feedback on tuition. It consists of students, faculty, staff, and administration. They come to a consensus and then draft a report to the president.

Shaping Alaska's Future (SDI)

Shauna asked the students to look over the SDI document and send her their feedback via email by November 18, 2013.

ACTION:

The students decided by unanimous vote to have another meeting in two weeks. Friday, November 22 from 6pm to 7pm was decided. These items were tabled until the next meeting:

ITEC Meeting – Michael DiBattista

Discussion Items

Charter Revisions	Attachment
Student Fees and Advising	
Nana Catering	Attachment
Survey Monkey	
Student Government Advisor Training	

Ongoing Business

Pat Ivey Scholarship

ACTION ITEMS:

The students discussed giving feedback on the SDI document. They will pick out their areas of interest out of the table of contents.

Students should look over the charter revisions and be prepared to share them at the next meeting.

Sharon Carter Resignation - Jarmyn will draft a resolution for the students to vote on at the next meeting.

Everyone will send a list of the people who will be attending the January retreat to Joseph by the Thanksgiving holiday.

Send campus reports through email. LaNora will send out a reminder to include them as attachments to the agenda.

Adjourn

Shauna moved to adjourn the meeting. Michael seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.