Agenda
Friday, March 25th, 2011, beginning at 6 pm
Bridge 1-800-893-8850, pin 2117820

1. Call to order, roll call and introductions

Coalition Speaker: Peter Finn
Speaker Pro-Tem Nicole Carvajal

Voting Members:

UAA Student Governments: UAF Student Governments: UAS Student Governments:
Kachemak Bay Branch Student Associated Students of UAF United Students of UAS - Juneau
Association Nicole Carvajal Ana Enge
Kenai River College Student Kuskokwim Campus Student United Students of UAS -
Union Government Derek Evon Ketchikan
Shauna Thornton United Students of UAS - Sitka
Kodiak College Student
Government Council
Nick Pennington
Matanuska-Susitna Student
Government Council
Prince William Sound Community
College Student Association
Union of Students of UAA

Ex-Officio:

Student Regent
Ashton Compton
ACPE Student Commissioner
Jennifer Chambers

Staff: Coalition Advisor and Executive Officer
Coalition Coordinator
Administration Coordinator
Pat Ivey
Joshua Luther
Kim Fackler

Guests:
UAA Student at Large
Ryan Buchholdt
UAS-J Senator
Danny Gifford
2. Adopt Agenda

DRAFT MOTION:

Nikki Carvajal moves to add a resolution to the agenda
Shauna Thornton seconds
No objections

3. Approve Minutes

No minutes

4. Speaker’s Report

Higher ed career readiness taskforce
Tuition Taskforce - consolidated tuition pay per credit up to 12 but above 12 is same as 12
Scholarship funding
April BoR

5. Guest Comments

Ryan explains situation in the Senate with the operating budget

6. Action Items

6.1 Support of Full Funding for the AlaskAdvantage Grant

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Student Leaders has been actively promoting need-based financial aid since 2007; and

WHEREAS, Alaska consistently ranks as one of worst the states for providing need-based aid; and

WHEREAS, the AlaskAdvantage Education Grant is a proven program that was authorized by the Legislature in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the AlaskAdvantage Education Grant has received little direct Legislative support; and

WHEREAS, this lack of support has kept the AlaskAdvantage Education Grant from adequately serving the statewide needs of low-income and non-traditional students; and

WHEREAS, as of December 2010 the average unmet need for grant recipients was $15,719; and
WHEREAS, non-traditional students make up over half of the University of Alaska student headcount; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Finance committee has increased the funding for the AlaskAdvantage Education Grant from $1.1 million to $8.2 million;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Coalition of Student Leaders strongly urges the Senate to stand by this funding level as negotiations begin with the State House of Representatives.

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of this legislation be forwarded to: Co-Chair Hoffman, Co-Chair Stedman, Senator Olson, Senator Egan, Senator Thomas, Senator Ellis, and Senator McGuire.

Ryan Buchholdt reads the resolution. Nicole Carvajal of UAF sponsors the bill.

Kenai, Shauna Thornton yes
Kodiak Aaron yes
Fairbanks Nicole Carvajal yes
Kuskokwim Derek Evon yes
Juneau Ana Enge yes

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7. Discussion Items

7.1 Juneau Legislative Conference followup

   Nick Penington suggests more drivers for the conference next year
   7.1.1 June Summit

   Peter Finn and Joshua Luther discuss the upcoming June Summit.

7.2 Student Fees and 2013-2014 (AY14) rates

   Speaker Finn brings up fees. Nicole Carvajal wants the BoR to audit the fees. Joshua Luther discusses super tuition. The Coalition agrees to address the fee issue with the Board of Regents.

7.3 Financial Aid update

   House ed acted on their bill and moved it out last week. Not a lot in int, its sort of like the Senate’s version but without the nice tying together of the ratio. Sets up a fund for the Alaskadvantage and APS

7.4 Coalition Speaker election

   Speaker Finn informs the Coalition the deadline is April 1st to nominate
someone. He explains that it has been pushed back and wants a vote.

Nick P asks if we can do a motion and push the date back

Nicole wants to change the charter.

Josh Luther offers to pull together information about changing the charter

Nicole makes a motion to extend the deadline for Coalition Speaker
nominations to May 15th
Shauna seconds
No objections
May 15th

8. Comments and Special Orders

Campus updates

Kenai is getting their funding back. Legislators in Juneau may have helped.

Kodiak
5th graders come to college day. Chancellor Case came to Kodiak and seemed
defensive of the circumstances in which he was hired.

Nicole is curious about how UAA students feel about the Chancellor was hired.

Speaker Finn brings up Consolidated tuition.
Nicole wants to know why community campuses would be paying more?
Peter Finn says how it would affect the budget and the funding levels.

Shift from enrollment to retention.

9. Adjourn
Shauna moves to adjourn
Nicole seconds

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ADDITIONAL REFERENCES
Coalition Calendar
http://gov.alaska.edu/Coalition/calander/
Coalition Charter
Roberts Rules
http://www.robertsrules.org/
Information on the new Regents