Coalition of Student Leaders

October 3, 2018 - 10:30-11:30am
DRAFT Minutes

Present

Anthony Alvey, Kodiak College Student Association
Nick Bursell, United Students of UAS-Juneau
Audrey Kirby, Associated of Students at UAF
Zobeida Rudkin, Kachemak Bay Student Association
Britney Storms, Kenai River Campus Student Union
Teresa Wrobel, Union of Students at UAA

Absent

Elias Erickson, United Students of UAS-Sitka
Brittany Harvey, Matanuska-Susitna College
Kevin Parrish, United Students of UAS-Ketchikan
Joey Sweet, Student Regent

Staff

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guests

Mary Gower, Chief Title IX Officer (msgower@alaska.edu, 450-8145)

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Review and Approve Agenda
   Audrey moved to adopt as presented, seconded by Brittany. No objections.

3. Public and Guest Comments
   a. Title IX Update - Mary
      i. Investigator training in Fairbanks -- 20 investigators from around the state, and working with GC on process, includes HR and student conduct staff

ii. Student training -- in-person training is being offered throughout October on most campuses; deadline for completion is Nov. 2; penalty of not completing is priority registration hold;

iii. Staffing -- working to hire Title IX coordinators and backup; UAA - has coordinator and two new investigators and will hire a third shortly, as well as a student; UAF - title IX coordinator, lead investigator and hiring three additional investigators; UAS - has a coordinator and will hire a deputy coordinator this year; Title IX Contacts for all UA campuses is available online HERE

iv. Culture of Respect -- what is the culture at UA and what do we want it to be? How do we grow the positive aspects of our culture? How do we stem the negative aspects? $1.3M has been allocated to Title IX and creating this culture of respect

v. UA Climate survey -- last done in 2017 and had over 700 students respond; will distribute another in February of 2019

vi. In 2017, UA entered into an agreement (VRA) with the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) and agreed to a number of steps to bring UA into compliance; more information on UA's VRA is available online HERE

vii. In-state Title IX training for students -- new training will be developed specifically for UA - built in Alaska - UA is supplying content and general intent and the contractor will develop the training to better represent the unique conditions of Alaska; plan to implement in Fall 2019

viii. Mary encourages students to engage in bystander training, UAF has Green Dot and UAS, and Bring in the Bystander at UAA - will provide training for student groups
   1. UAF Green Dot – https://uaf.edu/ndac/green-dot-1/index.xml
   2. UAA Bringing in the Bystander – https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/students/health-safety/health-counseling-center/bystander.cshtml
   3. UAS - couldn't find a website for bystander intervention/training

ix. Policy on Reports of Misconduct -- proposed new policy will be approved in November (see item 4.C below)

x. Mandatory reporters -- all UA employees are considered responsible employees and are required to report any instances of sexual harassment or assault that they may find out about; students are not required to report, however, if a student

becomes aware of an incident, they are strongly encouraged to report it; more information on responsible employees at UA is available online [HERE](#)

4. New Business
   a. Campus Free Speech – Oct. 12 event at UAA and will be a part of the Coalition Summit; Erwin Chemerinsky speech will also be live streamed; Fairbanks will broadcast it in the multilevel lounge at Wood Center and Juneau will broadcast it in the Egan Library, Room 104

   b. Student Compensation – President Johnsen noted at the September Board meeting he plans to review student compensation this year. The lowest rate of student employee pay was brought up to be in line with Alaska's minimum wage earlier this year, however, there hasn't yet been a comprehensive review of student employee pay. The president noted at the Board meeting he wanted to work with the Coalition on determining a new pay structure for UA student employees.

   c. New policy on reports of misconduct – [Reference](#) (updated link) – The UA Board of Regents first reviewed this proposed new policy at its September meeting. It will be on the Board's November agenda for approval. Students can provide feedback on the new policy through Oct. 15 either by commenting on the above doc or sending in an email. There is also an [anonymous response form](#) available.

      Here is an article that discusses the policy:
      https://www.alaska.edu/voice/2018/September-2018/system-news/delayed-reporting-policy/

      The UA Staff Alliance and Faculty Alliance are also reviewing this proposed new policy.

   d. Coalition Summit
      i. Agenda Topics
      ii. Guests: President Johnsen, VP Paul Layer, VP Michelle Rizk, AVP Miles Baker
      iii. Chair and Vice Chair Election
      iv. Meeting Dates for AY19
      v. Student Regent and Student Commissioner Process
      vi. Spring Legislative Conference
      vii. Ted Stevens UA Internship Program

1. Nick was an intern

5. Student Regent Update – Joey – [Reference](#)

6. Summit Team Update – Teresa – [Reference](#)

7. Campus Reports
   a. UAA –busy month due to the upcoming legislative elections; hosting a debate with governor candidates along with other legislative candidate debates; homecoming on Oct. 12; hosting an annual event for students to interact with UAA's chancellor and vice chancellors
   b. Kenai – hired new officers; finished a student discount program and now have 20 businesses that will offer student discounts; trying to plan a Halloween event
   c. Fairbanks – on OCt. 10 hosting a District 4 house debate; on Oct. 24. hosting a gubernatorial debate
   d. Kodiak – hosting its annual zombie run for Halloween 5K
   e. Juneau – held a mayoral candidate forum; looking to fund disc golf on Juneau campus; reviewing Regents' policy on Title IX
   f. Kachemak – have everyone elected and hired and will meet this afternoon; will host a Thanksgiving event – potluck for students and faculty

8. Roundtable

9. Adjourn
   Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.