



# Minutes

**Monday, June 17, 2013**

6:00 p.m. via audio conference

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## 1. Call to order, Roll Call and Introductions

### Voting Members Present

Shauna Thornton, Speaker

### UAA Student Governments

Teresa Cross, Kenai Peninsula College Student Union

Michael DiBattista, Matanuska-Susitna Student Government Council

Andrew Lessig, Union of Students of UAA

### UAF Student Governments

### UAS Student Governments

Jarmyn Kramlich, Pro-Tempore, United Student of UAS- Juneau

Sharon Carter, United Students of UAS-Sitka

### Ex-Officio Members Present

Courtney Enright, Student Regent

### Staff Present

LaNora Tolman, Executive Officer, System Governance

## 2. Adopt Agenda

Agenda Adopted

## 3. Approve Minutes

The May minutes were not ready and will be approved at the next meeting.

## 4. Action Items

### 4.1. Differential Tuition

The students discussed to create a resolution for this topic.

Jarmyn stated how the topic derived from UAF SOM. Most students are not for it. They realize some programs are going to cost more than others, but the general feedback is they would rather see tuition go up a little for everyone rather than a lot for one program. Washington State tried it but they are now trying to make it illegal because it discouraged students from enrolling in those programs.

Michael says it looks like a punishment for students trying to finish their degrees and continuing their education. Dr. Roy stated it could be counterbalanced with financial aid but aid already has its own issues.

(student?) Anchorage students are already struggling with tuition. Students are asked to be fiscally responsible when faculty are paid so much. Get rid of programs that are not hiring out students.

Courtney Enright, Student Regent - Grad student from Fairbanks – SOM did a great job putting out the information and gathered a lot of information. Not okay with this as the only way to solve financial problems. Need to look at tuition as a whole. There are more creative solutions.

Shauna asked if they will do this for many other programs? Some programs may not be so thorough in their approach. Are they thinking about the people coming into the programs besides those involved right now. She proposed a resolution showing disapproval or an alternative.

Roll call vote:

Teresa, Sharon, Jarmyn, Michael, Shauna and Ayla approved.

No one disapproved.

Jarmyn will draft and send out the resolution.

#### **4.2. Student Loan Legislation**

The topic is being decided on by the House of Representatives, Senate and the president by July 1. Letters need to go out ASAP.

Shauna sent out a letter for each of the student governments to send to the legislators -trying to get 100 student governments to go on board with it. Both parties do not want student loans to increase but going about it differently.

Ayla wanted to change wording in letter to “serious steps.”

Discussion took place on the best way to get the word out and send in the letter to the senators. Facebook was discussed and it was suggested to link the letter to a Facebook post to make it easy for people to access and send in.

Vote whether to send a letter as the coalition:

Michael, Teresa, Jarmyn, Shauna, Ayla, and Sharon approved.

The letter will be sent to LaNora to post on the coalition website.

#### **5. Comments and Special Orders**

Courtney the upcoming tuition discussion will be for the 15/16 year. She asked the coalition to think about it and give her their input.

The coalition was asked to let LaNora, Shauna or Jarmyn know if they are interested in running for speaker or pro tempore. Speaker will be chosen in August and pro-tempore in October.

#### **6. Adjourn**

Michael moved to adjourn, and Jarmyn seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.