The Union of Students of the University of Alaska Anchorage (USUAA) provides Student Leadership Scholarships for students based on merit, academics, quality of application, and contributions to the campus community during the proceeding semester; and,

Article Seventeen, Section Seven, Clause One of the USUAA Constitution stipulates that “no fewer than five scholarships shall be awarded during each fall and spring semester,” potentially preventing students from receiving a Student Leadership Scholarship should fewer than five people apply; and,

This stipulation potentially prevents USUAA from recognizing and awarding student involvement in the campus community; and,

Removing the discussion of the number of Student Leadership Scholarships to be awarded from the USUAA Constitution allows eligible students to be recognized for the contributions to the campus community regardless of whether fewer or more than five people apply; and,

USUAA ought ensure that student achievement and involvement is recognized regardless of the number of Student Leadership Scholarship applications received;

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED
The Union of Students of the University of Alaska Anchorage strongly supports student involvement, campus life, and contributions to the campus community; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED
The Union of Students of the University of Alaska Anchorage supports allowing all student involvement in the campus community to be recognized via the Student Leadership Scholarship, regardless of the number of applications received; and,
THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED
That the question of support for amending the award process for the Student Leadership Scholarship be posed to the student body in the Spring 2015 General election, with the ballot question as follows:

“Do you support amending the USUAA Constitution to allow the Student Leadership Scholarship to be awarded regardless of the number of applications received?

☐ YES
☐ NO

With Article Seventeen (‘Scholarships and Services Awards’), Section Seven of the USUAA Constitution to be amended as follows:

SECTION SEVEN
Student Leadership Scholarships

Clause One: Student Leadership Scholarships shall be awarded during each fall and spring semester. The value of the scholarships will be determined during the budgetary process each year, and will be published at the conclusion of the budgetary process. All scholarships will be awarded by the University Scholarship Committee.

Clause Two: Applicants must be members of USUAA. Eligible students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Recipients must have clearly demonstrated a contribution to the campus community during the preceding semester.

Clause Three: USUAA shall ensure that the Student Leadership Scholarship is given twenty-one (21) days of public notice prior to the application deadline.”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED
That, should the previous ballot question be approved by a simple majority of the UAA Student Body during the Spring 2015 General Election, Article Three, Section Three (“Student and Academic Affairs Committee”) of the Bylaws of the Union of Students of the University of Alaska Anchorage be amended to add the following:

“Clause Four: Assume responsibility for publicizing the Student Leadership Scholarships.”; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED
That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to University of Alaska Anchorage Chancellor Tom Case; Acting Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Eric Pedersen; Dean of Students and Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Development Dr. Dewain L. Lee; Director of Student Life and Leadership Annie Route; Assistant Director of Student Leadership Paula Fish; and the USUAA Elections Board.
The Assembly has passed the attached legislation by a 4-0-1 vote. This legislation required a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Assembly, and has been through all of the Assembly’s legislative processes. This requires the President’s signature of approval or disapproval seven days from its receipt.

Speaker of the Assembly Jonathon Taylor

Date 2/12/2015 19:26
time

☑ Approved  □ Vetoed

President Stacey R. Lucason

Date 2/2/15 19:40
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