



# **ASSEMBLY REFERENDUM**

## **DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES AND ADDITIONS**

**SPRING 2009  
GENERAL ELECTION**

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**Assembly Referendum 09-01**

USUAA requests the student body's permission to remove Article Twenty One from the USUAA Constitution. USUAA no longer employs a Recycling Director as this position has been integrated into the UAA Sustainability Department.

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**[ARTICLE TWENTY ONE]**

*[Recycling Director]*

**[SECTION ONE]**

*[Employment]*

[The Recycling Director:]

[Clause One: Will be a paid student position.]

[Clause Two: Will be hired and co-supervised by the President of USUAA and the Leadership Coordinator.]

**[SECTION TWO]**

*[Duties of the Recycling Director]*

[The Recycling Director:]

[Clause One: Will develop and maintain a comprehensive recycling program at the University of Alaska Anchorage.]

[Clause Two: Will research and provide information to students at UAA about recycling.]

[Clause Three: Will present a report for the Assembly every semester.]

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**Assembly Referendum 09-02**

USUAA requests the student body's permission to amend Article Sixteen of the USUAA Constitution. The word 'stipends' will be replaced by 'service awards' to comply with federal and state compensation and tax regulations.

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**ARTICLE SIXTEEN**

*Scholarships and [Stipends] Service Awards*

**SECTION ONE**

*Purpose*

With the time, attention, energy, and creativity of USUAA's members and that of the student body being essential to accomplish USUAA's objectives, USUAA shall attempt, when possible, to compensate its officers and members of the student body through scholarships and **service awards** [stipends].

**SECTION TWO**

*Presidential [Stipend] Service Award*

- Clause One: The President shall receive a **service award** [stipend] for one year, which will be awarded in the fall and spring semesters.
- Clause Two: The President's **service award** [stipends] will be disbursed twice in a school year at the end of the fall and spring semesters. To receive the **service award** [stipend], the President must receive a majority vote of confidence based on fulfilling their duties as described in the Constitution and Bylaws.
- Clause Three: The President can refuse to accept the presidential **service award** [stipend].

### SECTION THREE

#### *Vice-Presidential **Service Award** [Stipend]*

- Clause One: The Vice-President shall receive a **service award** [stipend] for one year, which will be awarded in the fall and spring semesters.
- Clause Two: The Vice-President's **service award** [stipend] will be disbursed twice in a school year at the end of the fall and spring semesters. To receive the **service award** [stipend], the Vice-President must receive a majority vote of confidence based on fulfilling their duties as described in the Constitution and Bylaws.
- Clause Three: The Vice-President can refuse to accept the vice-presidential **service award** [stipend].

### SECTION FOUR

#### *Speaker of the Assembly **service award** [stipend]*

- Clause One: The Speaker of the Assembly shall receive a **service award** [stipend] for one year, which will be awarded at the end of the Fall & Spring semesters.
- Clause Two: The Speaker of the Assembly's **service award** stipend will be disbursed twice in a school year at the end of the fall and spring semesters. To receive the **service award** [stipend], the Speaker of the Assembly shall receive a majority vote of confidence based on fulfilling their duties as described in the Constitution and Bylaws.
- Clause Three: The Speaker of the Assembly can refuse to accept the Speaker of the Assembly **service award** [stipend].

### SECTION FIVE

#### *Ombudsman **service award** [stipend]*

- Clause One: The Ombudsman shall receive a **service award** [stipend] for one year, which will be awarded in the fall and spring semesters.
- Clause Two: The Ombudsman's **service award** [stipend] will be disbursed twice in a school year at the end of the fall and spring semesters. To receive the **service award** [stipend], the Ombudsman must receive a majority vote of confidence based on fulfilling their duties as described in the Constitution and Bylaws.
- Clause Three: The Ombudsman can refuse to accept the ombudsman **service award** [stipend].

### SECTION SIX

#### *Senator **service award** [stipend]*

- Clause One: Senators shall receive a **service award** [stipend] for one year, which will be awarded in the fall and spring semesters.
- Clause Two: Senators' **service award** [stipend] will be disbursed twice in a school year at the end of the fall and spring semesters. To receive the **service award** [stipend], senators must receive a majority vote of confidence based on fulfilling their duties as described in the Constitution and Bylaws.
- Clause Three: Senators can refuse to accept the senator **service award** [stipend].
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**Assembly Referendum 09-03**

USUAA requests the student body's permission to remove Article Twenty from the USUAA Constitution. USUAA will retain this position in the USUAA Bylaws and continue to employ a Government Relations Director so long as funding is available through the USUAA budget.

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**[ARTICLE TWENTY]**

*[Employment]*

*[Government Relations Director]*

**[SECTION TWO]**

*[Duties of the Government Relations Director]*

[The Government Relations Director]

[Clause One: Will chair the Legislative Affairs Committee and serve in an advisory role to the Assembly.]

[Clause Two: Will develop and maintain distribution and contact information of the University of Alaska, the Board of Regents, and all members of the Alaska State Legislature.]

[Clause Three: Will work to promote the University of Alaska Anchorage to local, municipal, state and federal governments.]

[Clause Four: Will be the liaison with the other legislative affairs organizers on all UA campuses.]

[Clause Five: Will research and provide information to students of UAA and the Legislative Affairs Committee about issues of Government interest and concern.]

[Clause Six: Will present a weekly report to the Assembly.]

[Clause Seven: Will prepare a yearly report to the Assembly, encompassing the year's events.]

[Clause Eight: Will not be voting member of the Assembly and will have no authority on any USUAA committees, guidelines, policies, or decision making bodies.]

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**Assembly Referendum 09-04**

USUAA requests the student body's permission to amend Article Three of the USUAA Constitution. This amendment allows the USUAA Assembly to elect the USUAA Speaker of the Assembly at the start of the fall semester and extends the Speaker's term through one full academic year.

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**ARTICLE THREE**

*USUAA Assembly*

**SECTION ONE**

*Legislative Branch*

Clause Three: **At the first meeting of the fall semester** [After each senatorial election], the Assembly will elect, by a two thirds (2/3) vote, a Speaker of the Assembly from among themselves to chair the meetings. **The Speaker of the Assembly will serve for the academic year.** The Assembly will also elect a Pro Tempore from among themselves to chair the meetings in the absence of the Speaker of the Assembly, and who will assume the duties and responsibilities of that office as acting Speaker of the Assembly should a vacancy occur.

*With the amount of time involved for the incoming Speaker to learn the Constitution, Bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order, and the duties of the office of Speaker, and with the disruption caused by this at Assembly meetings, it is in the best interest of USUAA for the Speaker to serve for an academic year*

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### **Assembly Referendum 09-05**

USUAA requests the student body to vote on a student government fee increase. Students may elect to increase the fee in one of two ways or maintain the current fee structure.

#### **Placing a USUAA Student Government fee on the ballot**

*Deeply disturbed* by the USUAA projected 2009-10 budget;

*Taking into account* USUAA's greatly utilized the funding available from contingency to support many student-centered and support programs for the 2008-09 academic year including but not limited to; Late Night Tutors, Homecoming Dance, Masquerade Ball, Ice Cream Survey Program, GSA Scholarships, Cabin Fever Debates, Juneau Advocacy Travel, and the Legislative Luncheon.

*Recognizing* based on the success of the programs supported during the 2008-09 academic year that were funded through the contingency, USUAA Finance Committee has received budgets to formally fund these events as line items in the 2009-10 USUAA budget.

*Noting with deep concern* that the USUAA projected 2009-10 budget is not capable of maintaining the current number or quality of USUAA programs based upon projected revenue from Student Fees and the anticipated amount of funding that will be left available in the contingency fund at the close of the this current fiscal year;

*Recognizing* that to balance the projected 2009-10 USUAA budget the current Finance Committee and Assembly must consider the following options:

Decreasing the amount available for USUAA salaried positions, USUAA student staff positions, and award programs for USUAA members;

Eliminating funding for travel as available to students through the USUAA Travel Grant program as well as line items for travel under Legislative Affairs Committee, the Executive, and other areas;

Drastically cutting the planned funding allocations for programs such as Late Night Tutors, Homecoming Dance, Leadership Scholarships, Late Night's program funding, and Club Council's funding;

*Realizing* We need more money to continue funding and making available to the UAA community programs, services, and resources

*Noting with regret* that a fee increase is the only acceptable, available option;

*Recognizing* that programs provided by USUAA that will not be funded would deeply hurt the student body of UAA, even more so than the hurt caused by a fee increase

*Understanding* that the process for a fee increase has to be approved by the student body;

*Deeply regretting* that the following question(s) be placed on the USUAA spring election ballot, in hopes of archiving an affirmative vote for a fee increase to maintain the current level of support programs and allow room for manageable growth of those programs;

*Now therefore be it resolved* that a non-Constitutional referendum be placed on the ballot which will act as a vote that will be delivered to the Administration and the Board of Regents if found in favor of a fee increase;

Should USUAA increase the Student Government fee increase to \$2.00 per credit hour starting at three credits and capping at \$24.00

Should USUAA increase the Student Government fee to a flat rate of \$12.00 for students taking at least 3 credits or more

Should USUAA maintain the current Student Government fee of \$1.00 per credit hour starting at three credits and capping at \$12.00.

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