



USUAA Assembly Minutes

January 16, 2009

Student Union, Lyla Richards 103 3PM

I. Call to Order- 3:00 p.m. Senator former Pro Temp Speaker Ryan Buchholdt

A) Nominations for Speaker and Pro Temp Speaker- Call for Speaker nominations: Sen. Hice nominates Senator Sean McGrane. Sen. McGrane accepts; Sen. Stefanovich nominates Sen. Mallory Givens. Sen. Givens declines; Sen. Gaina nominates Sen. Ryan Buchholdt, Sen. Buchholdt declines. Sen. Givens nominates Sen. Christopher Stefanovich, Sen. Stefanovich accepts. Sen. Elkins nominates Sen. Robert Tran, Sen. Tran declines. Nomination is closed: Nominees are Senator Sean McGrane and Senator Christopher Stefanovich- "The agenda, I will stand by as if it were written in stone." Nominees step out of room. Immediate VOTE: 10 to 1 in favor of Senator S. McGrane as spring 2009 Speaker of the Assembly.

Speaker McGrane takes seat.

Call for Pro Temp Speaker nominations: Sen Hice- nominates Sen. Ryan Buchholdt, Sen. Buchholdt accepts. Sen. Stefanovich nominates Sen. Cristina Gaina, Sen. Gaina declines. Nominations are closed. Unanimous vote in favor of Senator Ryan Buchholdt as Pro Temp Speaker of the Assembly.

B) First Roll Call

[X] President Wing	[A] V.P. Hernandez	[X] Speaker McGrane	[X] Pro Tem Buchholdt
[X] Sen. Amico	[X] Sen. Cassidy	[X] Sen. Elkins	[X] Sen. Gaina
[X] Sen. Givens	[X] Sen. Hice	[X] Sen. Menard	[X] Sen. Murrell
[X] Sen. Stefanovich	[X] Sen. Tran	[X] Sen. Vanderwall	
[A] Greek Council Rep. Phipps-Graham	[-] RHA Rep. VACANT	[A] GSA Rep. Robinson	[X] Club Council Rep Yan
[X] GRD Peter Finn	[X] PRD Zach Liszka		

C) Approval of Minutes for December 5, 2008- Motion to table. Second. VOTE: 12/0/0

II. Communications

A) Persons to be heard

Race Sutton (?)- Suggestion for the Assembly to meet at another time for more students to participate due to work schedules of many students that work Fridays. Q: PRD- what would you suggest as a time for us to meet to accommodate students' schedules. A: Possibly anytime Monday through Thursday when the majority of classes are scheduled and most students are on-campus.

B) Advisors

- 1) **Administrative Assistant**-Anita Bradbury – No report.
- 3) **Assistant Director of Student Life and Leadership** – N. Hinkley Cahill – Lots of planning for the next four weeks deadlines are coming up and preparations need to be made for several up coming events. Due to any the ice closure, please reschedule your meetings with me as quickly as possible. GRD recognition for his Legislative Luncheon, powerful conversations and connection, THANK YOU, Peter. Please submit your bios (50-75 words) and pictures to Anita for the website. Door codes, please see Anita, be good stewards of yourself and keep the office clean.

C) Reports

1) Standing Committees

- a. **Rules-** Senator Hice: Regular meeting held on Mondays from 4-5 pm. Bylaws, Constitution, office rules last semester, forms to be processed by rules according to absences. Committee appointments: Sen. Kevin Vanderwall to Sustainability and Student and Academic Affairs; Sen. Ryan Cassidy to Legislative Affairs and Student and Academic Affairs.
- b. **Finance-** Has not met
- c. **Legislative Affairs-** P. Finn, GRD: Jan 13 met; Semester meetings set for Tuesdays at 2:30 pm in SU Leadership Lab. Student Advocacy Team applicants have been selected for interviews, 28 total applicants.
- d. **Student and Academic Affairs-** Unfinished business from fall 2008, planning the Welcome Social in the Den with the Chancellor, please come address questions. Informal chance to apply for Dining Advisory Committee, applications due January 23.
- e. **Activities-** Has not met

- f. Sustainability- Has not Met
- 2) **Representatives**
 - a. Club Council- Rep K. Yan: Informal meeting did not meet quorum approved 1 funding request. No events yet, blood drive to be held soon. More information next meeting.
 - b. Greek Council- No representative
 - c. Resident Hall Association- No representative
- 3) **Assemble Boards**
 - a. Graduate Student Association- Representative not present.
 - b. Concert Board- Sen. Elkins: March and April events will be announced soon. Special Project fund applications on website at uaa.alaska.edu/concertboard. Fee glitch please check accounts for additional \$5 fee correction charged.
 - c. Board of Cultural Awareness- Not met but will update when meeting is established. Inauguration in the Wendy Williamson, Tuesday at 8am. Please be seated by 7:30 am.
 - d. Travel Board- Sen. Givens: Jan 30 deadline for 1st round applications. 2nd round due March 30.
 - e. Election Board- Has not met, board is not established.
- 4) **Directors**
 - a. Government Relations- Not additional report outside of Legislative Affairs report.
 - b. Public Relations- Projects include ad for Alaska Student Commissioner, Media base line for advertising, project request forms being prepared.
- 5) **Executive Reports**
 - a. Vice President Hernandez- No Report
 - b. President Wing- Recognize Dean of Students Bruce Schultz for his promotion to Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Coalition meeting for 5:30 pm; discussing funding student fee issues, please come and show your support. Will be distributing a funding letter to legislature for UA. Election Board Appointments are still being confirmed. If a senator would motion to Table New Business section A. So moved. Second.

D) Appointees to UAA Committees

Sen. Buchholdt- Steering Committee: concept design by early March for legislature review; evaluation system design professional currently reviewing; Social interaction area, provide recreational opportunities that are accessibility for Housing students (enclosed). Ultimately enhance student life at UAA.

III. **Old Business-** No Old Business. All Business for spring semester is New.

IV. **New Business**

- A) **Election Board Appointments- Motion to Table appointments** for next meeting to confirm interest of appointees. VOTE: 12/0/0 Appointments tabled.
- B) **Referendum 09-01 “Remove Recycling Director from USUAA Constitution”:** No Questions; No Discussion: Vote: 13/0/0 Referendum passes.
- C) **Referendum 09-02 “Article Sixteen replace Stipend with ‘Service Award’.** Question: Karl- Was Hinkley addressed. A: Email was sent. Hinkley: forwarded the email on to be approved by UAA Accounts Payable to ensure final verbiage is coincides with government and UAA policies. Q: PRD- ? for Hinkley-Any Problems? Hinkley- Recommend that the Assembly to table Referendum until A/P responds. So moved. Second. Discussion on the motion: Sen. Stefanovich- Students will see this on the ballot, and there is still no process outlined, perhaps we should establish a process. Sen. Hice: Executive Committee should establish this as a bylaw. If it is tabled due to the establishment of a process being outlined, this Referendum may be delayed until end of spring, at which time we would have to waive our Bylaws to vote on service awards as we did fall semester. Vote to table Referendum 09-02 VOTE: 11/1/0 Tabled for further recommendations and process outline.

V. **For the Good –** Sen. Stefanovich- Submit your schedules for Rules to make their recommendations for committee appointments by next week.

Sen. Menard- Retreat is January 31 at the BP Energy Center.

N. Hinkley Cahill- Student Clubs and Greek Life Coordinator Jill Taylor is the newest member of Student Life and Leadership. Welcome!

VI. **Closing Roll Call**

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VII. **Adjourn**