



USUAA Assembly Minutes

January 30, 2009

Student Union, South Cafeteria, 3:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

a. First roll call

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

b. Approval of new agenda- Agenda Approved unanimously

c. Approval of previous minutes

- i. December 5, 2008 - Motion to approve all meeting minutes. Second. No opposition. VOTE: 12/0/0 Approved.
- ii. January 16, 2008 – Minutes Approved without amendments
- iii. January 23, 2009 - Minutes Approved without amendments

2. Communications

a. Persons to be heard-No persons to be heard in the gallery.

b. Advisors

- i. Administrative Assistant-Anita Bradbury- update.
- ii. Assistant Director of Student Life and Leadership-N. Hinkley Cahill- Standing rules, speaker has been requested they be tabled for next week. Layout of room set up discussion at retreat. Student Commencement speaker applications are available online. For resources at retreat, please be sure and obtain if not attending retreat.

c. Reports

i. Standing committees

1. Rules- Murrell Committee selected Sen. Murrell as Pro Tempore; Sen. Ashley Hice as Chair, committee is currently reviewing office policy.
2. Finance- not met
3. Legislative Affairs- Sen. Ashley Hice elected Pro Temp, debate this spring in March or April.
4. Student and Academic Affairs- Chair Sen. Cristina Gaina; Pro Temp GSA Rep. David Robinson; scholarship project passed to another member.
5. Activities- Masquerade Ball and Winter Carnival Week February 9-13, ski trip Sen. Menard in charge of project, volunteers needed at winter carnival sign up sheets pasted around: Masquerade ball mask making volunteers, dance volunteers.

6. Sustainability- Sen. Givens- met Wednesday to review Sustainability Fair planning, date is set March 4. Director of Recycling, Larry Foster is in contact for this event.
- ii. Representatives
 1. Club Council-Rep. Yan- two appointments for Concert Board and Dining Advisory Committee. 6 funding requests disbursed. Blood drive Feb. 20. Approved UAA Extreme Ironing club.
 2. Greek Council- Rep. Phipps-Graham- recognized 3 Greek organizations. Agenda set for next week to discuss goals this semester.
 3. Resident Hall Association- Sen. Gaina- looking for rep to USUAA. Process will be established to update the Assembly if representative is not found. Discussion on project for cameras on parking lots for better security.
 - iii. Assembly boards
 1. Graduate Student Association-Robinson- Symposium April 3; community professionals that will be invited to draw graduate students to attend and make their networks. Plate form for the next few semesters, solidifying role of grad students. Graduate School will receive a letter with those intentions. 2nd scholarship this semester.
 2. Concert Board- Sen. Elkins- Reviewed applicant for the board, KRUA rep on board; Special Projects fund applications online; discussed application process. Reopening master band list for recommendations from student body.
 3. Board of Cultural Awareness- no report this week.
 4. Travel Board- Travel grant deadline 5 pm today; Second deadline March 30.
 5. Election Board- Election board report proxy from Hinkley - Met Wednesday 4pm. Strong board members for special and spring general elections. Student Regent and Commissioner apps available on the USUAA website, Feb 6 at 12 pm hard deadline. Candidacy workshops are scheduled and outlined in packet. Poll sitting packets available online for two polling stations, COMMONS and Student Union for Special Election. General election material is currently under review. March 6 is the deadline for general elections candidacy packets. Chair will be elected next meeting.
 - iv. Directors
 1. Government Relations- not present for report.
 2. Public Relations- Anchorage Assembly member Gray Jackson has written legislation copy past out for your review. Press release done GRD Legislative Luncheon January 12, in support the legislator AIP support. Student Regent & Commissioner opportunity ads to N.L, and flyers around campus.
 - v. Executive reports
 1. Vice President- Retreat Saturday January 31, 10 am to 6 pm. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Bring your own drinks, due to weekend heightened cost. Mentorship programs for new senators will be getting their mentees at the retreat. Any transportation issues please disclose. Create a binder for future project by VP and Sen. McGrane new senator binders. Accountability for appointments. Thank you to Sen. Allison Murrell for Masquerade ball work. Establishing 'Positivity box' for USUAA. Slip in box and then reading will be given at the meetings.

2. President- Executive Meeting at 5pm after this meeting. Open minded ideas. Revisit the resolution for Assembly Member Elby Gray-Jackson. To support our students AIP program. Joe Blanchet's resolution will go to floor on Feb 12. Statewide support for this resolution. Please attend and show support, it is critical. Q: Gaina- Where is Section 10? A: discussed and will be worked on in the next few meetings.

d. Appointees to UAA committees- No appointees reporting.

3. Old Business

4. New Business

- a. Bylaw Amendment 09-11: Article Twenty-Four: Creating honorary membership. VOTE: 11/0/0 passes.
- b. Assembly Resolution 09-05: Honoring Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Linda Lazzell for her 27 years of service to the UAA students and community. VOTE: 12/0/0 passes

5. For the Good

- a. Presidential proclamation- Karl Wing- Girls basketball #1 in the country. To recognize them for their efforts and demonstrate seawolf pride.
- b. Swearing of new senators
 - i. Brandon Roulet- Gaina- what made you decide a member? Fees for St Gov and wanted to be involved. X2 major poly/sci. ROTC in high school, lead 8-10 member staff. Website updates. Q: Read constitution and bylaws? Yes.
 - ii. Frank Grubbs- Excited to be here, want to be apart of the assembly, I can contribute in many ways. Q: Cassidy- Thank you for being here, any leadership experience? A: Army gave me training in this area, also rep for RRANN program. Motion to approve. 12/0/0. Passes sworn in.
- c. Board of Cultural Awareness Appointment
 - i. Nnamdi 'Martin' Nnoli- Addresses the assembly. Medical biology. From California, enjoyed educational experience at UAA. Love students, maters degree program want to make the university more aware. VOTE: 14/0/0 appointment passes.

Dr. Linda Lazzell Addresses the Assembly - Briefing on her experience with students at UAA and as an advisor to USUAA, thankful for Resolution 09-05. She will be around from time to time. Does Honorary members get voting privileges?

6. Closing Roll Call

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7. Adjourn 4:45 pm