



**USUAA Assembly Meeting Minutes
October 31st, 2008
Lyla Richards Conference Room, SU 103**

I. Call To Order (3:10 p.m)

A. First Roll Call

[X] President Wing	[X] V.P. Hernandez	[A] Speaker Carrick	[A] Pro Tem Buchholdt
[X] Sen. Barrows	[X] Sen. Elkins	[X] Sen. Gaina	[X] Sen. Givens
[X] Sen. Haerer	[X] Sen. Hice	[A] Sen. Holtshouser	[X] Sen. Louie
[X] Sen. McGrane	[X] Sen. Menard	[X] Sen. Murrell	[X] Sen. Spaulding
[A] Sen. Stefanovich	[X] Sen. Tran	[X] Greek Council Rep.	[A] RHA Rep. Bundick
[X] GSA Rep. Robinson	[X] Club Council Rep. Yan	[X] GRD Peter Finn	[X] PRD Zach Liszka

B. Approval of October 17th Minutes

Minutes emailed to all, for sustainability they were not printed out, any changes please email Anita. Minutes not passed.

II. Communications

A. Advisors

1. Assistant Director of Student Leadership

Leadership Honors apps due today by 5 pm; Voting absentee ballots can be done at SU until 8-5 pm Monday and Tuesday 7-8pm; November 12 Volunteer Fair 10-2 pm Student Union, over 30 non profit organizations will attend.

2. Administrative Assistant

Business cards; a few name badges; no response on amendments to 10.17.08 Meeting Minutes. Please review.

B. Persons to be Heard

1. Diane Erickson

Faculty College of Education: Opportunity to study Alaska Native Alumni's college experience. Positive response through interviews, Some response was "you can't change a university." This was taken as a challenge to develop a research course for undergraduates to change UAA student success through administrative means. A good way to change the university and get credit for it; paid tuition and books; elective credit. Do not have to be an honors student. Please provide feedback on how to get students interested. Questions: PRD Liszka- how many students can participate. D. Erickson-Funding is available for 15 students. Sen. Stefanovich- Petition process is probably the best way to fulfill some other requirement.

2. Representative Sharon Cissna

U-Med Neighbor Meeting- How many students have been to Juneau this year to fund UA? One student present. Vital to speak with legislators about your experience as a student and what you need. University funding should at least be met. A lot of times the university needs more money then asked for by BOR. Another incredibly important Pennland Park Dr to Tudor Rd. may all hospitals (except base) and mental health are in this vicinity. More then 15,000 come to this district to work. Plus 15,000 people who live in homes in this district. It is a very sustainable place. Sustainability involvement on campus, U-Med district was named because of the agencies signed a compact to adhere to a sustainable community. UAA is the host of this years annual U-Med Neighbor Meeting, November 22; Municipality may have the chance to work with us. All residence in the district are invited. Intention is to take care of all the needs of the district, land use and education needs. Would like Student Government to play a part in this, idea out to you and come back next week.

Questions: Sen. Elkins- What do you think about sending more students to Juneau this year and how effective do you feel that is? Rep. Cissna- I think it is incredibly affective. More will be coming to Juneau this year then ever because of the increase cost of living. Legislators brag about students the most and are more responsive to them. It is because of students advocating that helps Legislators support University funding. In favor of increasing the numbers of students going to Juneau. Sen. Barrows- Minutes from the last year of meetings. Rep. Cissna- Yes, email me.
N. Hinkley- For those members texting or on your laptops not doing Assembly business, please shut it down.

3. Student-At-Large Ryan Cassidy-

LIB room307 can be used for a new venue in short ter. Idea in the long term, propose to build a new building exclusively devoted to just Clubs, Greeks and Student Government. Promote student involvement. Sen. Gaina- Isn't there is a plan for that? N. Hinkley- Discussed at retreat need to speak with your facilities to discuss Student Union updates or other space around the university. R. Cassidy- May have answered my question, however I have not been updated on what all is happening around campus and thought it best to get the message out there.

C. Reports

1. Standing Committees

Legislative Affairs GRD Peter Finn- Applications are available for Juneau trip, interviews will occur in November. Process for review of apps is in place.

Sustainability Sen. Givens- Scholarships will not be pursued this semester, they will be next semester, not enough time for funding to be worked out. November 12 "The Future of Food" discussion after a movie.

Finance Sen. Hice- Planning a budget meeting to go over more detail and new member orientation. Pro Temps have updated budgets, please see them.

Rules Sen. Hice- No meeting, meeting twice next week to determine the process of handling complaints. Questions: A. Bradbury- Please send out updated list of all committee members? Sen. Hice- We can attempt to but members are moving around and not notifying Rules. Committee Chairs are charged with updating Rules on standing committee members to the Chair of Rules. Sen. Barrows- Possible to get minutes from Rules? Sen. Hice-0 Please address the Chair with your request, minutes are located in the binder. Sen. Murrell- Please relay to the Chair to post meeting hours 72 hrs in advance according to AK state law. Sen. Hice- Encourage you to make your request to the Chair.

Student and Academic Affairs Sen. Gaina- Readjusting to the smaller number of members; reevaluating its program for events next semester. Notify the Rules committee of changes in members.

Activities Sen. Murrell- Thanksgiving Feast budget breakdown, a Bill will be sent to Finance and then to this Assembly to host and sponsor the Feast. Winter Carnival co-sponsored with Programming Board discussion.

Comment: Sen. Hice- All sponsors of a Bill must be present at the meeting and listed on the Bill, please provide a budget breakdown.

2. Representatives

Club Council Rep Kyle Yan- not at the last meeting, succeed the floor to Chair of Club Council Sarah Roberson- Gave out locker rental applications due next Friday at noon. And will make a decision by the end of the next meeting. New Club Ski and Snowboard accepted. Awarded \$150 to the Art Student Association. Questions: Sen. Givens- How ill the Clubs be given the money? S. Roberson- Next semester will be the start of funding.

Greek Council Jessica Phipps Graham- Both sororities have their retreats this weekend. National organizations going to national conferences.

GSA Rep David Robinson- Vice Provost for Sponsored Programs will be giving GSA the half of the funding that is received. Budget was finalized. Opening apps for scholarships will begin. Office of Research and sponsored programs will be giving GSA \$5000 as they have previously. Request for proposals is November 21 is the deadlines to promote research.

Undergrads are also eligible to apply for research projects. Scholarships will be put out by the end of the semester.

Graduates Research Symposium after spring break.

RHA- Sen. Elkins- Dance at COMMONS tonight 9pm-1am; Video Games history event 3-7pm on Sunday. Sen. Gaina- RHA is also taking a survey on parking security on campus. Sports Arena project.

3. Boards

Travel Board- 19 applicants reviewed, 6 awarded. Total award amount \$3350.00. \$25 rolled into next semester.

Election Board- No reps present.

4. Vice President

VP Hernandez- Ombudsman interviews and final decision has been made, however the final announcement will have to wait till next week.

5. President

Retreat was successful, if you were not able to attend, please see a senator and ask their experience. PRD Liszka is putting a press release for the retreat. November 3 & 4 Co-Chairing General Elections. Please vote. BOR is meeting now to discuss the budget, no word if it has passed. Met with Diversity Action Council candidate, will be presented next week. Executive Board met, discussed Bylaw section X to revise and final draft will be brought to the Assembly.

D. Appointees to UAA Committees

TANIANA Committee Rep- Student-At-Large- Thank you for \$10,000 back In April. \$7800 was used to cover expenses. To date \$5000 put back to contingency fund, goal is to have \$15,000 during FY09. Question: Sen. Liszka- State was delinquent on payment and therefore funding was requested, has the state paid? Problem can't just be fixed, having the money when the needs are there is crucial to success. Muni has lengthen the time to issue payment back up is 30 days.

PRD Zachary Liszka- Retreat Press Release; Allison pursuing Late Night Tudors told TNL to write about it; Homecoming Dance pres release; Degrasse Shootout support from USUAA. Form an intern ship program with aids and staff better trained new senators.

III. Old Business - None

IV. New Business

A. Ombudsman Appointment- Tabled to next week

B. Diversity Action Committee Appointment- Tabled to next week.

C. Resolution 09-03, "Creating the Union of Students Sports Arena Committee"

Sen. Gaina- presented; opposition. Amendments discussed and asked to re-write the Resolution and do additional research. Vote to table to Student and Academic Affairs: 14/0/1. Tabled to Committee

D. Resolution 09-04, "FSSIC Revision, and USDCAC Name Change"

Sen. Gaina- presented with additional feedback from Lisa Von. Sen. Murrell- Motion to table to consider feedback from administration. Second. Tabled for next meeting.

E. Bill 09-08, "Late Night Tutors: Fall 08 additional funding"

Sen. Murrell- Presented. Motion to Tabel untl next week. Second. Bill 09-08 Tabled.

F. Bill 09-09, "Late Night Tutors: Spring Edition"

Sen. Murrell- Presented and asked the Bill be tabled asked that the Bill be tabled because funding comes from contingency.

V. For the Good

Sen. Spaulding- Opportunity to volunteer at the Alaska Zoo. Please let me know date/time.

VI. Closing Roll Call

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