



USUAA Assembly Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2009
Student Union, South Cafeteria, 3pm

1. Call to Order

a. First roll call 3:07 PM (computer difficulty)

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

b. Approval of previous minutes

i. March 6, 2009 Minutes approved VOTE: 15/0/0. Passes.

2. Communications

a. Persons to be heard

i. Guest speakers

Sarah Roberson- Leadership Scholarships were not announced properly and in a timely manner, a few people just found about it hours ago and there should be an extension, with better advertising. One week extension is not sufficient.

Amber Sawyer- Encourage the body to extend the deadline further then one week to accommodate students to obtain three letters of recommendation from faculty, staff and peers. Q: The advertisement went out in Green & Gold, how many students do you know read this? A: Not many that A Sawyer knows of. Hinkley: Club Council was informed a month ago and at every meeting since along with applications that were handed out and made available.

ii. Speakers from the floor- None present.

b. Advisors

i. Administrative Assistant-Anita Bradbury- Management Reports and Committee Budgets lined out to address breakdown of individual project expenditures.

ii. Assistant Director of Student Life and Leadership-N. Hinkley Cahill- Seawolf Community Service Award and Seawolf Leader award due Monday, March 23.

Senator Brandon Amico entered meeting 3:13 PM.

Should anyone want a recommendation please ask me today. Financial Aid has summer tuition opportunities for funding. Concern: Two students came today to address the matter of respect in the USUAA for other students who come in inquiring about services and the information that was given or not given. Rules committee will be receiving those complaints. Executive Leadership transition meeting today, for Service Awards this semester the terminology in your Bylaws needs to be addressed by the 2nd to last meeting of the semester. Any issues please bring to the speaker.

c. Reports

i. Standing committees

1. Rules-

Sen. Hice- Cody Behr's appointment has been rescinded. Please watch your language in the USUAA office. Incident report will be used more prominently for derogatory language, it is considered a form of harassment. Infraction Sub-committee seat available. Motion to nominate for that seat. Second .Sen. Gaina nominates Sen. Breyer- Accept. Greek Council Rep- nominates Sen. Roulet- Accepts. No other nominations.

Sen. Breyer- It is imperative that we conducting our self to the position we are in, I will uphold the rules of the assembly. Sen. Roulet- Non-bias cause of first semester involvement. Echo what Sen. Breyer said., I would like to be a part of the change in our internal and external image. Senators, Breyer and Roulet exit. Appointment to Subcommittee under Rules. VOTE: **Breyer 13**; Roulet 0.

2. Finance

Sen. Hice- Budget presentation next week, please review the budget emailed out by Wed morning. (Meeting Tuesday). For questions/concerns please come to Finance meeting before next Friday. Motion to advisory vote for cutting the service awards for senators only, FY10. Service Awards have to cut or an event will need to be cut. Reps will stay the same. Q: Sen. Cassidy- In the interest of our programs can we cut all Service Awards? A: Assembly would need to decide that. Q: Sen. Amico- Thought another fund would sponsor Late Nights? A: Sen. Murrell- We'll not know until after budget cuts are passed for FY10. Sen. Hice- If we have a higher rollover in contingency we could roll it over to extend the service awards. Discussion: Sen. Roulet- This is not finance saying we deserve half of the Service Award, they are only allocating half for the Service Award. Sen. Stefanovich- POI- How many senators are we projecting? A: Finance has to project all seats filled (24 senators, 4 Representatives and Executive positions). Sen. Breyer- Some legislation will need to be made. A: Yes. Hinkley- Constitution does not specify an amount; it would only state through the Bylaws "up to" should you not be able to fund Service Awards. Vice President Hernandez- We need to focus on why we are here. Sen. Roulet- WE have put a referendum on the ballot for student fees to be increased, if we are asking this and at the same time saying we want our Service Award, then we don't have any business calling ourselves Student Government. Immediate VOTE: 17/0/0 unanimously passes. Hinkley- Final plans must be sent forward for us to support the budget. Sen. Hice- FY09 Expenditures will be compared and sent out on the list serve. Chairs' will have committee budgets to review, ask them.

Advisory Role Call Vote	(Y=Yes; N= No; A= Abstain)		
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3. Legislative Affairs

GRD Finn- Support cards to promote the Sports Complex, and mail to legislatures, particularly State Finance committee members. Reviewed FY10 Committee Budget.

4. Student and Academic Affairs- Sen. Gaina

Faculty Administration, posters going out for survey input. Encourage advertisement for the Majors Fair. Leadership Scholarship has been extended to Friday the 27th at 5pm. Comment: GSA encourage students to fill them out, instructors do use them to improve their course curriculum. We have been working with faculty to have this done.

5. Activities- Sen. Murrell

Reviewed FY10 budget again, spring ski trip cancelled, reallocated funds to Spring Late Nights. Sen. Stefanovich- Wasn't the Late Night a line item for this year? A: Only for Fall semester. Not for spring semester, but we recognized \$600 be put toward it.

6. Sustainability- Sen. Stefanovich

Budget FY10 discussed. Filled out Thank you cards to vendors that participated, we were informed that we have to burn all the money that is left in the budget or it goes back to contingency.

ii. Representatives

1. Club Council- Rep Kyle Yan
Human Services; Anthropology clubs were granted funding. Welcomed a new club "Consumer Product Awareness Group."
2. Greek Council-
Finalized "Rock paper scissors" event, working with Athletics to have to coincide with Girls Basketball announcements.
3. Resident Hall Association- Senator Tran reports
Announced upcoming events. Q: Sen. Roulet- will Sen. Tran be speaking for RHA for the remaining semester? A: Sen. Hice- RHA has authorized Sen. Tran to speak on their behalf, but not as the USUAA Representative appointee, the Rep spot will not be filled this semester.

iii. Assembly boards

1. Graduate Student Association- Rep David Robinson
Funding will be sponsored for spring Scholarships, 9 research, one undergrad project funded. Symposium name change to ? RH April 10. Posters outside; Rm 110 will present on University sustainability.
2. Concert Board- Sen. Elkins
Brand New March 28
3. Board of Cultural Awareness- No one present
4. Travel Board- No one present Deadline March 30, 5:00 PM.
5. Election Board-
Hinkley read report- Student General elections April 7 & 8, polling locations Student Union South Cafeteria, down stairs in the out cove. All polling stations open. Monday, March 23 at noon- campaigning begins. No campaigning in the USUAA office. 4 Senators, 2 candidate for President/Vice President, Media Board, Concert Board both write-in positions, Referendums 09-01 through 09-05 will be on the ballot. Aviation Building not compatible for Ethernet port and not able to transport ballots. Showcase add March 30, next Wed candidate. Sen. Roulet- to ad Media Board appointment. Email: ayelections@uaa.alaska.edu. Because of Municipal Elections there will be clear posting for voting areas for both days.
Q: Senator Breyer- Aviation building has asked the last year for a ballot box the past two years. Students typically are not on campus for the first two years of their program.
6. Media Board- Sen. Grubbs-
Met today at 11 am. Reviewed KRUA and The Northern Light FY10 budgets. There are 2 representatives for USUAA open.

iv. Directors

1. Government Relations

Juneau trip HB94; Senate Bill 93- AAIP and securing 2.2 million for opening ASB. \$500,000 more than house finance was giving us to begin with. LIB 10-12- HB will be giving a report (list to tape 55:18)

2. Public Relations- Not present

v. Executive reports

1. Vice President- Binder transition is being completed. If you would like to make sure something should be in there. End of year for the last meeting, desert recognition for each of you. HB109 needs to be explained for students, possible posters to educate students about the possibility. International Women's History Day. Q: Stef- Did HB109 come up in Juneau? A: Yes, there was a lady

who came and explained. Ryan- (time 59:00) HSort term loans fast tracked to the floor. Q: Breyer- Cupcakes for men too? YES!

2. President- Apologize for being late. UAA does have a reserved spot for Anchorage Cocoas. Please be there to testify, need presents form UAA students. Attend LIB Saturday starts at 10AM. Student slots are 10:20 AM. Coalition Speaker applications, please apply, process explained, nominations will be sent forward to Pat Ivy. June 1 is the start of all new representation. Executive was unable to make official meeting, but all chairs need to meet after this meeting for a few meetings.

d. Appointees to UAA committees

- i. Technology Council- Not Present
- ii. Campus Safety- Sen. Buchholdt-
Monday exercise in RH at 11 am and 4 PM for safety. Food at the Cuddy.
- iii. Board of Cultural Awareness- Not Present.
- iv. Programming Board- Sen. Murrell-
Fashion Show Friday, March 27 need to support that event. Please talk to me after the meeting 9AM- 9PM for volunteer slots available.

3. Old Business

- a. Bill 09-17 Elections Board – second reading Sen. Murrell-
Sen. Guerra- Is the Election board going to report how they are spending the funds. Sen. Hice- This assembly will see how money is spent within the next two cycles. Hinkley- Read statement from Colin- Of the \$2500 here is how Election Board plans to use it; \$1100 on showcase ad to allow us content control, split up ad space for “Candidate Debates” and “Get out and Vote”. Posters will be put up, hand bills for residential campus mailboxes. We would like this money to help our constituents vote in our student elections. No Questions. Discussion: Sen. Stefanovich- Perhaps the sponsor should remove the stipulation for advertisement to be able to have more freedom. Motion to close debate. Second. No amendments. Vote:11/4/1 Move to Immediate Vote: 15/2/0 passes.

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4. New Business

- a. Bylaws 09-13 Government Relations Director- Sen. Murrell-
Motion to table for next meeting seeing the shortage of assembly members that donot have last week’s copy of legislation. Second. Question: Sen. Cassidy-In favor of voting, why are waiting? Sen. Vanderwall-In favor of voting. Q: Sen. Stefanovich- Is the senator asking to table this bylaw due to some amendments for next week? Sen. Murrell- Withdrawal the motion. Questions: Comment: Guerra- Two change the “Clause One” typo. Stefanovich- How does this address the GRD attending the Executive meeting? A: that would need to be addressed in the Employment Contract. Sen. Roulet- The Chair of Legislative Affairs already has to attend. Sen. Hice- Position Description would need to specify Executive meetings are mandatory. Discussion: Sen. Cassidy- Pass it. Immediate VOTE: 16/1/0 Bill 09-13 Passes.

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Motion to add Bill 09-19- Budget Support for the Pacific Rim Conference 2009. Second. VOTE: 16/0/1 Added.

b. Bill 09-19- Budget Support for the Pacific Rim Conference 2009
 GSA Rep David Robinson- Read into record. Sen. Stefanovich- Proposed budget figures do not match up with the amount requested. A: This is what I have been trying to work with, as of last week I was able to finalize what was needed. Q: President Wing- Who is the representative attending this conference? A: This conference will happen in Anchorage, the cost is for Speaker accommodations and fees. Finance has approved. POI: Sen. Roulet would it need to be amended under section four. GSA- Amend bill to say "from contingency. . ." Second. Vote: 16/0/0 Sen. Roulet- Motion to take 5 minute recess for cocas. Second. CC Rep- Please specify why? Sen. Roulet yields to Sen. Murrell- Much quicker to ask for clarification and recommend any necessary changes be brought to the table for smoother amendment process. Pro Temp Speaker Buchholdt- What is your motion, suspension of meeting to recess? Discussion: CC Rep- I 'm hesitant to meet individually because senators may not get to hear important information, I will be voting against a recess. GSA Rep- I understand the purpose, no changes can be made to amend until we re-adjourn. VOTE for 5 minute recess: 9/7/0. Passes recess at 4:41 PM. Reconvene at 4:46 PM. Q: Sen. Stefanovich- Is this annual event? Chair- how many annual events will this cover? A: This is the only one. Q: Sen. Cassidy is the budget on the back for \$12,234.52 what they are planning to spend or is it the other of \$12,600? GSA- an amendment will be made so the verbiage is simply just for their budget shortage. Q: Sen. Cassidy- How much do they still need, the difference does not add up to \$2500? A: This is a projection, based on what GSA Rep has been told they need. GSA Rep- Motion to amend Section Four-"As such, the USUAA will 'make available' \$2500 from contingency to the Pacific Rim Conference to their regular activity." Second. No Discussion. Amendment Vote to change: 16/0/0. Amendment passes. Discussion on the Main Motion: Sen. Breyer- We have a financial budget issue currently. Sen. Stefanovich- Motion to waive bylaws for First read. Second. Discussion: GSA Rep- I apologize for the hastiness, it was brought to me by the Graduate Students at the end of their planning. They can plan accordingly if we pass or do not pass today, since the conference is happening. Sen. Hice- Process, Process, Process, Precedence, Precedence. Sen. Cassidy- If we waive bylaws, we should also amend the amount as it is proposed for funds. Immediate Vote to waive bylaws: 11/5/0 passes waiver of the second reading. Main Motion Discussion: Sen. Cassidy- Propose an amendment to the Main motion- make available "\$750". No Second, motion dies. Discussion to Main Motion: Sen. Cassidy- It seems the value is higher than proposed, urge to vote . . . Sen. Hice- POI- Finance has approved. GSA Rep- What I have provided to the body is what I have been given. The budget they planned for, specifically lodging, they had a budget and collected as much as they could. Discussion ends. Motion to extend 5 minutes. Second. Sen. Stefanovich- lets listen to what is being said so we stop asking the same things. Extend Vote: 3/12/1 discussion has ended. Immediate Vote on Bill 09-19: 10/7/0 Bill passes.

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c. Senator Projects
 Sen. Murrell- Late Night Tudors- volunteers needed.

Sen. Grubbs- UAA Wolf cards- funds online secure website instead of the Black box or call Wolfcard office. Front page "USUAA" to "USUAA Student Government" link on main UAA webpage.

5. For the Good

- a. Dining Advisory Committee
Survey coming soon. -need volunteers. Meeting is at 5:30 pm. Today.
- b. The Snap Cup- Read by Vice President Hernandez
- c. Hinley- Next week meeting in the Den; Projection screen for budget review. Please be patient, Media and Concert Boards have worked HARD on their budgets. Municipal Elections need volunteers. Want to give positions to students for money. Monday morning the conference will be available short day.
Surveys- Hinkley I have a crazy list for April, please get me the questions, I need a week turn around now.
Sen. Stefanovich- Travesty Ski Trip is cancelled. People were in the office that do not have door codes, why?
Sen. Breyer- Office Clean out, thank you! But you can't tell anymore. Middle table is not a pile collector.

6. Closing Roll Call

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7. Adjourn 5:22 pm