



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

1. Call to Order

a. First roll call 3:06 PM

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

b. Approval of previous minutes

- i. March 27, 2009: Motion to approve. Second. Minutes Approved without amendments.

2. Communications

a. Persons to be heard

- i. Guest speakers- Teagan Collins, Incoming vice chair for Club Council and USUAA Representative for FY09-10.
 ii. Speakers from the floor-

b. Advisors

- i. Administrative Assistant-Anita Bradbury- Budgets are being prepared.
 ii. Assistant Director of Student Life and Leadership-N. Hinkley Cahill- Get out and encourage participation in student elections April 7 & 8. Few meetings left, USUAA Leadership assessment will go out end of next week via email, wrap up of assessment by April 17.

c. Reports

i. Standing committees

1. Rules- Senator Hice: Violation form discussed, 3 members will address. Senator Roulet's seat is open; office policy is on next week's agenda.
2. Finance- Senator Hice: Budget report will be addressed during Old Business. Finance requesting all contingency sponsored events to do reports based on the date of event.
3. Legislative Affairs- GRD Finn: November 4, LIB 307 Legislative luncheon; Nov 13 deadline for Juneau advocacy applications. Finished app for next year and any new criteria and the selection committee process.
4. Student and Academic Affairs: Senator Gaina: Faculty evaluations, Mark Fitch will join the meeting to discuss the surveys and how to make them provide more valuable information for students. Sent an email to international advisor to have international student s vote in the student elections.
5. Activities-Senator Murrell: Movie Night April 16 or 23 (five options).
6. Sustainability-Senator Stefanovich: Paula Williams, Director of Sustainability gave her report of the carbon footprint for UAA. April 15 & 16 Earth Day week informational table in Student Union.

ii. Representatives

1. Club Council-Rep Kyle Yan: Welcomed Eric Croft; Ashley Hice and Mallory Givens gave their platforms. Granted four funding requests. Two new clubs: 'Dental hygienist of the future', 'Heifer International' Office nominations for FY09-10: Lesly Krome, budget manager; Teagan Collins vice chair; Kyle Yan chair.
2. Greek Council-Rep Jessica Phipps Graham: Review process; Community service events in progress; initiating new members; working on plans for fall semester.
3. Resident Hall Association- Senator Tran: Ice cream social April 6 Commons 8-10; UAA Got Talent April 10, 5-10 pm. Elections on the April 20 & 21.

iii. Assembly boards

1. Graduate Student Association-

Graduate studies and Research Summit. Keynote address around noon by the new Director of Sustainability. You share 50% of your DNA with a banana!

2. Concert Board: South by Southwest, other concert options. Bryan Posehn this month.
3. Board of Cultural Awareness: No report.
4. Travel Board: Applications due last Monday, 44 applicants. Will be announced by April 13th.
5. Election Board: Hinkley: Updates- Last week they were going to be located at the top of the stairs, instead they will be moved back to the out cove and will use the wolfcard readers! YEAH-!!! Senator Showcase happened Thursday; Monday will be the president/vice president candidate showcase, not a debate it is a candidate open forum. 5:30pm in Commons, light refreshments.

iv. Directors

1. Government Relations: Collecting signatures for AAIP (300 in total currently); Resource Development Council is hosting a Luncheon with Senator Mark Begich Tuesday April 14, 8:30 AM. Will confirm if students are able to attend free or if there is a charge.
2. Public Relations: Survey conclusive so far. Presentation of Rough draft for the new website will look like. Two sections: Main page and the Assembly and staff page, looking for feedback. Other sections also, but this is the first. Q: Greek Council will be included? Yes.

v. Executive reports

1. Vice President- Not present.
2. President: Pres Hamilton will send out an email 4/15 to address the tuition increase; 5% increase in lower division course and 10% increase in upper division courses. One of the campuses is putting together a statement of opposition; we have until September to change the BOR's decision. Coalition speaker nomination is Peter Finn from Anchorage. June summit meeting in Fairbanks, at that time the speaker will be announced. Finalizing end of year report and will share.

d. Appointees to UAA committees

- i. Tech board- No rep
- ii. Board of Cultural Awareness: No rep

3. Old Business

Senator Hice: Budget Presentation from Finance. \$241,363 Total expenses. Bubble \$10,537 just in case we do not meet the \$215,000 projected under revenue; Left contingency at \$35,000.

SAA: Suggested to cut \$2,000 from Late Night Tudors; Cut advertising; Academic Advising Fair (no shell of what was to be done.)

Activities: Adjusted budget for Homecoming, Security cut to \$900.

Club Council: Cut \$2000, making \$20,000 due to rollover.

Elections: Recommendation to cut ballot tabulations \$200. Rental space for election booths, \$50 candy for booths (hoping Club Council will donate leftovers from Haunted Halloween fun Night, if not, there will be no candy at the polling booths.) Cut money from office supplies.

Leadership: Cut \$1000 from Juneau travel.

Operations: Staff benefits better number. Cut staff over time or Plan leave support; cut two phone lines (PRD & GRD). Cut registration fees, misc contracts, computer supplies.

No other cuts were made.

Discussion: Senator Stefanovich- Cutting done by finance was terrific!

Proceed to Resolution 09-06.

4. New Business

- a. Budget Resolution 09-06- Senator Hice: read into record. Q: Senator Stefanovich: What did we do with the FY09 budget that was supposed to be available to all students? A: Every committee should have them in the binders. Q: Senator Stefanovich: Beyond putting it in the Finance binder what is the transparency to the students? A: Webpage accessibility. Hinkley: PRD is working on this project, 1st page will consist of the budget breakdown of what has been passed by this assembly, 2nd page will be committee by committee, 3rd page will be what expenditures have been made and will be accessible 24/7. Discussion: None. Roll Call VOTE: 13/1/0 Resolution 09-06 has passed and with the passing of the resolution FY10 budget has passed.

Role Call Vote for Resolution 09-06 (Y=Yes; N= No; A= Abstain)			
[-] Speaker McGrane	[Y] Pro Tem Buchholdt	[Y proxy] Sen. Amico	[Y] Sen. Breyer
[Y] Sen. Cassidy	[Y] Sen. Elkins	[N] Sen. Gaina	[Y] Sen. Givens
[-] Sen. Grubbs	[-] Sen. Guerra	[Y] Sen. Hice	[Y] Sen. Murrell
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b. Section 10 Bylaw 09-12: Second read, Senator Gaina reads into record. No questions. No Discussion. Immediate VOTE: 12/1/1. Passes.

GSA Rep David Robinson arrives 3:40 pm and enters a roll call vote; PRD arrives 3:41 pm.

Role Call Vote for Bylaw 09-12 (Y=Yes; N= No; A= Abstain)			
[--] Speaker McGrane	[Y] Pro Tem Buchholdt	[--] Sen. Amico	[N] Sen. Breyer
[Y] Sen. Cassidy	[Y] Sen. Elkins	[Y] Sen. Gaina	[Y] Sen. Givens
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c. Service Award Bylaw 09-14: Senator Murrell reads into record. Questions: Senator Givens: Under Section Six; Clause Four, if a senator does not fulfill any of the six stated criteria then they would be ineligible for a service award? A: They would not be eligible according to the form they sign at the beginning of the semester which states the criteria. Q: Senator Breyer: Is this the only way a senator would be eligible? A: The intent is to state what is expected of members, most go above and beyond. Q: Senator Gaina: Thank you for making it cleaner. Section Six, Clause four, if a new large scale event is created that is not reflected in the Bylaw, should we indicate that a [rewrite] be made in the Bylaws? A: All it would take is an amendment, which is not a problem; bylaws are more flexible then the constitution for this purpose. Q: Senator Breyer: POC: If a new senator follows them to the letter, is nothing else would we expect anymore of them? A: No, this is simply a starting point, this legislation doesn't say anything about student advocacy or a lot of other things we do as a senator. Discussion: Senator Breyer: In regards to my questions, see the purpose but it troubles me that new senators will think this is it and no more based on this bylaw. Senator Givens: For new senators seems to be unclear what is expected, not sure if I approve of writing bylaws every time a new event comes, is it possible to reflect a few hours at an event. Senator Gaina: If we are going to have a bylaw that reflects what a senator is responsible for, it should be broader then a list of a few events. IT should include the committees outside of USUAA, such as Coalition meets, executive appointments to committees/boards within the university system. When new senators join they ask how many projects do I need to complete, what is expected of me. The legislation should be clearer, than this. Senator Breyer: This kind of bylaw is dangerous ground, parameters that allow people to say this is it and I have fulfilled the obligation. Senator Murrell: I understand, we don't have anything to hold accountable for service awards, when they are voted on it becomes a popularity issue other then absences. Club Council Rep Yan: Voice support, in future it is a great idea for a broader outline for senator expectations, must start somewhere. Senator Cassidy: Seems the main concern is Section Six, clause four. Would it be better to state that the obligation is 'not limited to' these events. Senator Gaina: If we only have two senators writing this legislation, would it be possible to have the executives reviewing it with a broader understanding, what are the implications of re-writing. Motion to extend. Second: Vote: 7/6/0; 5 minutes Discussion extended. Senator Breyer: I agree with this list of expectations, but think it best be included in the mentorship handbook instead of a bylaw. Senator Givens: Not sure how people will participate in the student discount program, but the Ice cream surveys would be the only one here, if you have classes during that time, you would not be able to fulfill this portion. Senator Murrell: Beating a dead horse, sent out ten days ago, would have loved to have this discussion, early. This can't be in the mentorship handbook, it has to be in the bylaws because of the referendum that sates "Service awards" due to administrative terminology, this has to be in the bylaws to reflect a non-bias process for receiving the award; as far as what the events are we do them every year, all it would take is an amendment. Senator Hice: Heard several senators' talk about how they want people to be held accountable and yet we have document here that does that, heaven forbid. Senator Elkins: Large scale events, instead of putting specific events down, why not list out criteria, like for instance the more structured annual events. GSA Rep Robinson: Ample time for discussion. There are procedures to waive a bylaw to include a new event instead of re-writing a bill. Please support so that we can have a place to move forward and new senators have an idea of their expectations. Proceed to immediate VOTE: 11/3/0 Bylaw Amendment 09-14 passes.

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5. For the Good

- a. Dining Advisory Committee: Senator Gaina: Discussing the contract and the survey today.
- b. The Snap Cup: Thanks to Finance for tightening the belt.
- c. Coalition President Nominee announcement: Peter Finn is the nomination. Statewide Regent from Fairbanks Ashton Compton. Thank the body for your support for this position.
Student Fee Increase acknowledge.

6. Closing Roll Call

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[X] Club Council Chair Drummond	[X] GRD Peter Finn	[X] PRD Zach Liszka	

7. Adjourn 4:18 PM