



USUAA Meeting Minutes

Student Union Lyla Richards Rm. 103

September 5, 2008 3PM

I. Call to Order- 3:05 pm

A) First Roll Call

[X] President Wing	[] V. President vacant	[X] Speaker Carrick	[] Pro Tem
[X] Sen. Buchholdt	[X] Sen. Gaina	[X] Sen. Givens	[X] Sen. Hice
[X] Sen. Holtshouser	[X] Sen. Liszka	[A] Sen. Louie	[X] Sen. Merritt
[X] Sen. Murrell	[X] Sen. Spaulding	[X] Sen. Stefanovich	[] GRD vacant
[] PRD vacant	[A] GC Rep. Snelling	[X] RHA Rep.	[A] GSA Rep. Robinson
[X] CC Rep. Yan			

B) Nominations for Pro Temp Speaker

Sen. Holtshouser nominates Sen. Liska; **Sen. Liszka** declines. **Sen. Stefanovich** nominates Sen. Murrell; **Sen. Murrell** considering, does accept. **Sen. Liszka** nominates Sen. Spaulding; **Sen. Spaulding** please explain what the position requires. **Speaker Carrick** explains position. **Sen. Spaulding** declines nomination. **Sen. Gaina** nominates Sen. Buchholdt; **Sen. Buchholdt** accepts nomination. **Sen. Holtshouser** nominates **Sen. Hice**; **Sen. Hice** accepts nomination. **Speaker Carrick**- announces three nominations: Sen. Buchholdt; Sen. Hice and Sen. Murrell. **Sen. Murrell** declines nomination. **Speaker Carrick** announces nominations: Sen. Buchholdt and Sen. Hice. Immediate Vote: Sen. Buchholdt – 6 Sen. Hice – 2; Sen. Ryan Buchholdt is Fall 2008 Pro Temp Speaker of the Assembly.

C) Approval of August 29, 2008 Minutes- Amendments ad Sen. Liszka as present. Amend 4A- Homecoming vote 1-7-0 motion fails. Amend 5B&C- Motion tables for 9/5/08 meeting agenda. August 29 Assembly Minutes passes with amendments.

Sen. Liszka Motion to swear in new senators to participate in this meeting.

Speaker Carrick asks that Cameron Barrows, Timothy Menard and Michaela Hernandez introduce themselves to the Assembly.

Timothy Menard- Transfer student from Illinois first time involvement in Student Government, lot of opinions wants to make change. **Questions: Sen. Liszka**- What is your major? **T. Menard**- Electrical Engineering, Computer Science and Mathematics. **Sen. Hice**- What projects do you have in mind? **T. Menard**- Just want to make a change. **Sen. Spaulding**- How will you juggle your schedule to accomplish your academics and participate on the Senate? **T. Menard**- Organized time to complete academic work during the week and weekends leave available for other interests such as Senate. **President Wing**- Are you familiar with Robert's Rules of Order and have you read the USUAA Constitution & Bylaws? **T. Menard**- Scanned Constitution, not familiar with Robert's Rules of Order.

Cameron Barrows- First semester at UAA coming from four different lower 48 colleges; 5 years in military; Planning to be Medical Doctor in future; Familiar with Robert's Rules of Order and reviewed part of the USUAA Constitution and Bylaws to date; Served in positions at other colleges as President of Outdoor Club; member of Kappa Delta Phi; (equivalent to USUAA Travel Board) served as Travel Chair. **Questions: Sen Hice**- What projects are you interested in achieving? **C. Barrows**- Overseas military appreciation packages from UAA student body.

Michaela Hernandez- Introduction, Assembly knows her as former Residence Hall Association Representative. **Questions**- None. **Discussion**- None

President Wing- Swearing in Sen. Barrows; Sen. Menard; Sen. Hernandez.

II. Communications

A) Advisors

- 1) **Assistant Director of Student Life and Leadership** – Hinkley absent
- 2) **Administrative Assistant**-Anita Bradbury putting together binders; updating ledgers and preparing to establish financial responsibility reports to committees and Assembly; Reports from Senator Project updates and Boards need to be submitted by Wednesdays, 3 pm at the latest to make meeting minutes. Reports will be attached to the Meeting Minutes and distributed via USUAA listserv prior to the Assembly Meetings every Friday.

B) Persons to be heard

Sen. Spaulding- Motion to resend the failed Vote from August 29 meeting for Homecoming to provide alcohol at event. Second. **Sen. Gaina-** Can we wait to discuss this issue under Old Business for Homecoming? **Speaker Carrick-** Motion has a second. **Questions: Sen. Hice-** Why are we discussing this again, the Body decided this last meeting. **Sen. Gaina-** Senators have expressed concerns and regret their vote from last meeting. **Sen. Hice-** Will this be a reoccurring precedence this semester? **Sen. Spaulding-** This should not be setting this semester's precedence. Senators with regretful opinions should speak as a senator, not a student.

Discussion: To rescind the failed vote from last week. **Sen. Liszka-** Do we want to vote first then discuss? **Sen. Spaulding-** No. **Sen. Murrell-** This Assembly spent 20-30 minutes discussing this issue last week, yet gave additional monies to Homecoming budget pushing the total over \$6000 last week, without asking questions. Yet we are taking one more week to discuss the alcohol issue for Homecoming that has already been decided. **Sen. Liszka-** This Assembly passed the amended Homecoming budget because of prompt information outside the meeting. **Sen. Gaina-** This is not a new issue; it has been discussed throughout the summer session. New fall senators would like to have their vote counted with one month to go. Senators express having regrets about summer assembly's decision. **Sen. Holtshouser-** Been hearing senators say they were misguided in their vote and would like to reassess the issue. **Point-of-Inquiry- Sen. Hice-** Are we in a discussion to discuss the decision? **Call the Question.** Second. Immediate Vote to have last weeks decision rescinded: **9/6/1 Motion Passes**

Sen. Holtshouser- Motion to place Bylaw Amendment 09-05 under New Business. Second. **Vote 13/1/1 Motion Passes.**

- 1) **Senator Lea Merritt-** Read letter of resignation to the Assembly and exited. She challenged the Assembly and gave her critical feedback on what would make the Assembly better for oncoming senators and in the future. (letter of resignation attached)
- 2) **Joelle Brown-** Europe trip to TatabanyaHungry and Tromso, Norway presentation regarding Climate Change plan for Anchorage for sustainability. USUAA Travel Board funded four students in Spring 2008 and additional money given during the summer session. **Questions: Sen.Spaulding-** What is the cost for Anchorage community? **J. Brown and Kelsie Ralph-** Ocean water is used to heat sidewalks. **Sen. Buchholdt-** Have you met with community leaders? Did you report an overview of your trip to them? **J. Brown and Kelsie Ralph-** Met with Randy Burgan and was told to get a plan together before going further, within the next few weeks we should be making our contacts. Chief of staff said to wait to meet with Assembly members till more definite plans can be made. **Sen. Hernandez-** What portion of their sustainable life style can be implemented into our communities? **J. Brown and Kelsie Ralph-** Students that went on the trip to observe and then brain storm from local resources how to effectively make a system applicable to our community. Discussing strategies for a large non-profit system based on how Tatabanya accomplished the task. **Sen. Spaulding-** Are these areas directly affected by climate change? **J. Brown and Kelsie Ralph-** Yes, Hungry does have a UV plan in effect. Tatabanya location is also starting to see affects. **Sen. Barrows-** How big are their communities? **J. Brown and Kelsie Ralph-** The areas are not quite as small as Kodiak. They are a fare size in comparison to other areas of Alaska.
- 2) **Lt. Ron Swartz-** Emergency Preparedness Coordinator update more info on line can read a living document regarding emergency preparedness. Call for volunteers for the September 12 preparedness exercise in University Housing. Contact by email: yukonron@alaska.edu
- 3) **Sarah Roberson-** Food Services Investigative Commission-Submitted written report, what more does the Assembly want to do about the complaints? **Sen. Hernandez-** I encourage surveying students, similar to Sen. Murrell's ice cream surveys. **Sen. Gaina-** What senator has been appointed to this Commission? **President Wing-** Some have expressed interest, and a selection could be made today.

Sen. Gaina- Motion to add this appointment to the agenda under Bylaw 09-05. Second. Motion passed.

Sen. Holtshouser- Once Chair of committees' has been elected Executive Committee will meet to discuss elected officials. **Sen. Spaulding-** Complaints on report are pathetic and action should be taken. **Sen. Buchholdt-** Board of Regents should receive this Assembly's report on the Food Services Student Investigative Commission's review. **President Wing-** BOR oversees statewide budget needs. It is the highest student position, currently being served by William Andrews in Juneau.

Sen. Spaulding- Consider where we are meeting after 4:45 pm if we do not complete our agenda.

Sen. Holtshouser- University Assembly should be placed on BOR agenda and should have USUAA backing this report and action as soon as possible. **S. Roberson-**It is fairly easy to be added to BOR agenda. **Sen. Hernandez-** IT would be prudent for this Assembly to have this Assembly report accurate information and be prepared with answers for BOR meeting. **S. Roberson-** Survey's can be done by next week. **Sen. Hice-** This document needs to be heavy before we take it to BOR. **S. Roberson-** More documentation is available to be added to report. **Sen. Barrows-**Why has the Health Department not been called in to investigate? **Annie Route-** This Committee should provide Catering/NANA with this same report before BOR is addressed. The problem could be eliminated before taking to the next step or calling the Health Department. **S. Roberson-** More work still needs to be done with Administration.

C) Executive Report

1) President Wing- Goal this year is to have a full senate! There is a Climate Action Team meeting. First Friday of every month Faculty Senate meeting is interactive. Ann Bridges is the Chair. President Wing requested faculty to be more engaged with students; invited all faculty to Homecoming. Gave report on Late Night Tutors. Encouraged feedback and hope communications through faculty to students about USUAA will improve. GRD has 11 applicants as of last year, PRD has 6 applicants since this year; VP deadline has been extended till September 12 only three applicants as of Friday 3pm have been received. Two persons for search committee need a third for VP application. Feedback on Retreat ASAP need to plan for the end of the month or early next month.

Sen. Holtshouser- Motion to add to the agenda under Appointee to UAA Committees for Programming Board and Safety Committee. Second Vote 12/0/1 Motion passes.

D) Appointees to UAA Committees- President Wing- Programming Board, appointee Sen. Allison Murrell Vote 14/0/0. *Campus Safety Committee*, (meets September, December and March each year) appointees Sen. Buchholdt, Sarah Roberson and Valeria Mashkova. Vote 13/0/1.

Questions: Sen. Stefanovich- Does Sen. Louie's complaint in the Food Services report make him ineligible to serve on this commission? **S. Roberson-** Recommended Sen. Louie be appointed. **Sen. Menard-** Should we have a third party source such as the Health Department? **Sen. Spaulding-** Before we bring in the Health Department we should try to work at it from within the university. **Sen. Gaina-** Student Health Center agreed to help with commission. **Sen. Barrows-** Sen. Louie's 2007 complaint should not conflict with Sen. Louie's 2008 appointment. **Sen. Murrell-** Motion to close debate. Second. Vote 13/1/0. Debate closed. Immediate vote for Philip Louie to be appointed to The Food Services Student Investigative Commission; Vote 13/1/0. Appointee approved.

Sen. Hice- Rules Committee has selected appointees to committees. **Sen. Murrell-** Rules did not post their meeting and location 72 hours in advance. **Speaker Carrick-** Motion to approve committee appointments. Second. Immediate Vote 6/3/0 Motion passes.

Sen. Murrell- Motion to recess for 15 minutes to find another meeting location to continue due to 4:45 pm deadline to occupy this room. All in favor. 15 minute Recess.

Move to South Cafeteria, Student Union meeting back in session 4:50 pm.

Sen. Holtshouser- Motion to reconsider passing committee appointments. Second. Rules can not sponsor legislation because the informal meeting was not posted concurrent with Federal Law. Rules pushed to have meetings posted and then did not abide by the same standard. Rules will establish a meeting time and place, then post 72 hours, please join us. **Sen. Gaina-** Present when Rules met in SU 201 and it was not an official meeting. **Sen. Hice-** Two new senators have a voice and where not appointed to any committee. 72 hours is a State Law not Federal. Pushing back the meeting another week is what Rules should do. **Sen. Givens-** Are we discussing breaking Laws? **Sen. Liszka-** Breaking Rules Committee direction set for posting meetings based on State Law. **Sen. Holtshouser-** During summer session 72 hour posting directive was broken. Rules Committee knows how to correct and wants to correct the mistake.

Discussion to resend Rules Committee appointees; Vote 8/2/3. **Sen. Hice-**Motion to table this issue till next meeting. Second. **Questions: President Wing-** We can deny, accept or table? **Speaker Carrick-** Vote is already been reconsidered. **Sen. Hice-** Senators can fill out the committee form, by resending the vote Assembly does not accept these appointments. **Sen. Gaina-** This means one more week will go by without any committee meeting. **Sen. Hice-** Assembly can move into Rules and make appointments today or table. **Sen. Murrell-** Not this Assembly's decision, Rules should just post their meeting time and location. **Point of Inquiry President Wing-** Rules should tentatively schedule a meeting soon. **Speaker Carrick-** Rules will tentatively schedule a meeting/location after this Assembly meeting. **Sen. Barrows-** Can

the Assembly move into Rules as a whole? **Sen. Holtshouser**- Senators, please fill out the form so Rules can appoint based on your responses. Vote to Table Rules Appointee to Committees, Vote 9/1/2 Motion passes, Appointees from Rules will be on next weeks agenda.

III. Old Business

A) Student Scholarship Committee Appointments

President Wing- Student at Large appointees to Student Scholarship Committee; George Kariuki and Valeria Mashkova. Immediate Vote: 13/0/0 appointments approved.

B) Tanaina Board of Directors Appointments

President Wing- Board of Director's no student appointed to date. Senator makes motion to table appointment for next week. 13/0/0. Tabled.

C) Homecoming Dance 2008- **Sen. Cristina Gaina**-

Sen. Gaina- Motion to add Homecoming alcohol concerns to agenda. Second. Vote 12/0/1. passes.

Sen. Gaina- No feedback for volunteers catering, cashiering, other functions. Show of hands for senators that will help. (Senators respond by raising hands) Still not enough. **Sen. Hice**- Since the Homecoming Dance is on October 3 the Assembly meeting will have to be over by 4:30 pm. **Sen. Gaina**- Projects for senators to take on before/during the event, ground set up, prize give away, slideshow (deadline Sept 16). **Sen. Hernandez**- Will do the prize selection. **Sen. Barrows**- Will do the slideshow review for the event.

Sen. Gaina- Issue for alcohol to be at the event due to liability. Talk of recalling the vote. Reasoning for re-discussing. **Sen. Hice**- Motion to not have alcohol at Homecoming. Second.

Sen. Liszka- Alumni gave money to be applied for alcohol.

Sen. Gaina- Alumni Association will cover , if necessary, the additional cost of the bar service in the amount of \$68, \$550 must be made by the bar plus an additional \$250 just for the service. If the bar falls short of their \$550 USUAA will need to cover the remainder. **Sen. Barrows**- Doing the math on this only 39 people need to buy two drinks each and the bar makes their money, we should have alcohol at this event. **Sen. Hice**- Most attendees will be of age to consume, except new freshman.

Sen. Gaina- Motion to extend 5 minute discussion. Vote: 5/5/2 Motion fails.

Discussion: Sen. Givens- Last meeting information was given that the minimum money was not met last years. **Sen. Hernandez**- As an under age student, I think it is worth taking the small hit. Students would like alcohol there, it is a social element in settings such as these.

Student-at- Large- Ryan Cassidy- This should not be approved at a student event.

Testimony regarding family member Please vote Yes against this. **Sen. Liszka**- Sorry about your family's experience, however I value individual rights, just because something unfortunate happens to one person doesn't mean it will happen to everyone. **Sen. Gaina** stated the Alumni would fund the minimum portion of revenue not met by the bar. Dean Schultz stated that in years passed this Assembly has hosted the Homecoming Dance successfully by setting up protocol monitoring.

Sen. Hice- Motion to extend discussion. Second. Vote: 9/5/0, discussion extended 5 minutes. **Sen. Hice**- Most of the freshman are under age and lots have MIC's on their record. Student fees for <21 should not be used for alcohol. **Sen. Barrows**- We're all adults and we can show responsibility. **Sen. Menard**- Alumni like to drink, Homecoming is a party. **Sen. Hernandez**- Senator is under 21 and still would rather have fees used for alcohol. **Sen. Gaina**- Move to extend discussion. Second. 3/10/1 Motion to extend discussion fails. Immediate Vote:

senators not in favor 4; senators in favor 7; senators abstaining. Alcohol will be served at Homecoming Dance 2008. **Sen. Gaina**- needs more volunteers. **Speaker Carrick**- Assembly please address all comments to the Speaker.

IV. New Business

A) Bylaw Amendments 09-05 – A Bylaw Amendment for an Act entitled: Reclassification of Finance Committee- Sponsor **Sen. Hice**; Co-sponsors **Sen. Carrick** and **Sen. Buchholdt**.

Sen. Hice-Amend to sponsor acknowledgement. Vote 11/0/1. **Question: Sen. Liszka**- Does this require chairs to attend three meetings a week to include the Executive meeting? **Sen. Hice**- Yes, senators on two committees, serving as Chair on any of the committees would need to attend the third committee meeting on Executive Committee to report much like the Pro Temp. **Sen. Murrell**- Address issues form past and promote better planning.

Discussion: Sen. Hice- Point of Inquiry- President Wing- Constitution Amendments specific duties lined out for Chair Finance. **Sen. Liszka**- Sponsor should write legislation for a senator to go to two meetings not three. Make that change in Chair position. **Sen. Hice**- If a senator would like to change the job description in the Constitution for Pro Temp then the amendment will piggy back on that and change the Chair. Immediate Vote for Amendment: 12/0/1 Amendment passes.

- B) Appointee to Food Services Student Investigative Commission-** President Wing appoints Senator Philip Louie. (Discussion above)

V. For the Good

CC Rep S. Roberson- Motion that Zac Clark from Concert Board be added to the agenda now to give his report. Second. Vote: 8/3/0 Motion passes.

- A) Assemble Boards Concert Board- Zac Clark-** Comedy Show at Kick off was good. October 9 Ocapella Festivella; Roots November 1; New Board members recruit and training; on campus promotions- promotional ideas wanted. Concert Board meets Fridays at 2:00 pm, Student Union Conference room 218. Interested party must know, 4 absences you are removed; be at weekly meetings and post flyers; volunteer and manage back/front stage at events.

- B) Petitioners-** Michaela Hernandez; Timothy Menard; Cameron Barrows inducted at beginning of meeting

VI. Closing Roll Call

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sen. Barrows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sen. Gaina	<input type="checkbox"/> Sen. Givens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sen. Hice
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VII. Adjourn 6:00 pm