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Coalition of Student Leaders Shauna Thornton, Speaker

As the semester wound down and graduation approached for many of the Coalition of Student Leaders, the students are working to finish the last few projects for the academic year. We completed the revision of the Coalition's Charter at the May 2 meeting. There were a number of small changes including the addition of three positions: a secretary, a treasurer and a historian. These added positions will ease the pressure and workload on the System Governance Office and give students more opportunities to participate and apply and develop their educational pursuits into soft skills that will add benefit to their future job searches.

The Coalition worked to combine the efforts of the university campuses and Statewide to host the two retreats and the legislative advocacy trip to Juneau. These three events are normally held separately on the three university campuses but mostly paid for by Statewide System Governance. This year, we asked the three university student governments to host each event. UA Fairbanks Student Government will host the August Summit, UA Anchorage Student Government will host the January Retreat, and UA Juneau Student Government will host the February Legislative Affairs Session.

We recently passed Motion 2014 "Student Government Advisor Training." The motion was settled by the UA President's Office after collaborating with Saichi Ohsa, associate vice president for Student and Enrollment Services; Chas St. George, coordinator for Shaping Alaska's Future; and LaNora Tolman, executive officer for System Governance. President Gentle and Vice President Thomas responded to the motion on April 18, 2014, endorsing the training for students and their advisors on the role of student government within the UA system. The response also indicated the UA System would join the American Stu

American Student Government Association's executive director, Butch Oxendine, at the August summit. Arrangements are in the works for another ASGA session with student government advisors in the fall

The Coalition composed two resolutions for appreciation of service, one for Sharon Carter, SGA President, and another one for Jarmyn Kramlich, UAS President, upon their resignations. The resolutions express appreciation to these former members of the team as they leave the University of Alaska System. We wish them success in all future endeavors.

The Coalition submitted a second motion

System Governance Council
Dory Straight, Interim Spokesperson