

Governance Report

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Coalition of Student Leaders

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The Coalition of Student Leaders thanks the Board of Regents for the opportunity to present this report. The summer of 2016 was a period of significant change by the University, and student leaders from all campuses were grateful to be involved in the discussion. Below is a brief summary of student government activities on the three main campuses over the summer.

ASUAF has been largely focused on informing students on the single accreditation and Strategic Pathways process. ASUAF has found that UAF student opinion is split on single accreditation/ Strategic Pathways, and that students across the board lack sufficient information to reach informed opinions.

USUAA has sent executive representation to the Strategic Pathways team meetings and kept the body informed through the summer. In addition, the Union has taken on a series of road cleanups on Anchorage's 36th Avenue as a public service project and staffed booths at campus events such as Goosefest to distribute information to students. The organization has also added several new members over the summer and improved functionality by appointing multiple students to committees and boards across campus.

USUASJC is starting the year with new students and will be focusing on building capacity and increasing our presence at UAS and in the larger UA community. USUAS believes UAS students remain largely unaware on single accreditation and Strategic Pathways.

Moving forward from these accomplishments, there remains much work to be done, and the Coalition is committed to ensuring that the primary stakeholder in the University of Alaska—students—are heard and represented in that process.

At its upcoming fall summit, the Coalition will consider several items. Foremost on the agenda is continuing student involvement collaboration with administration. On the academic front, the Coalition will consider how best to continue implementation of Resolutions 1603 and 1604 calling for the creation of a Native Studies GER and a mandatory campus safety course, respectively. The Coalition will also further review and discuss Dr. Thomas' report on single accreditation to determine if such an approach would be in the best interest of students.

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opportunities. If student-driven processes are pursued for student-centered results, the Coalition firmly believes that the University's best days are still ahead.

The Coalition of Student Leaders consists of student government representatives from the University of Alaska campuses and portrays the diverse scope of student affairs and needs. The Coalition promotes the educational needs, general welfare and rights of all University of Alaska students, and functions as an advisory group to the UA president and administration on student issues.

Faculty Alliance

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