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GOVERNANCE AGREEMENT

For the Review of Infrastructure, Sustainability and Energy Board

Between the Associated Student of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (ASUAF), UAF Administration,
Office of Sustainability, Faculty Senate and Staff Council
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Preamble

In order to promote investment in energy efficiency programs and renewable energy projects, to develop opportunities for students in sustainability projects, and to provide direction to the decision-making authority for the use of Student Initiative for Renewable Energy Now (SIREN) fees, hereafter known as the Sustainability fee, we do hereby establish the ASUAF Review of Infrastructure, Sustainability and Energy board, at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, hereinafter known as "the RISE Board." The board is responsible for ensuring that funds collected for the Sustainability fee forward projects for the betterment of UAF students. These projects are to be sustainable in nature and a preference will be given to projects or programs that reduce UAF's non-renewable energy consumption.

Article I Purpose and Authority

The purpose of the RISE Board is to represent the students' interests and protect their investment in the Sustainability fees. The ASUAF and the RISE Board recognizes that the Chancellor is the Chief Executive Officer of UAF and has ultimate responsibility for the implementation of Regent's Policies and in meeting the financial obligations of the institution.

A. Staff

The RISE Board shall advise the Director for the Office of Sustainability, who implements policies and provides management of the SIREN funds.

B. Policy

The RISE Board shall review and recommend any and all policies affecting uses of the Sustainability fee funds, including but not limited to:

1. Hiring of students
2. Annual budget
3. Proposal reviews

C. Finances

The RISE Board is responsible for reviewing and recommending a budget for use of Sustainability funds each fiscal year and making financial information available to ASUAF and the UAF community.

Article II The RISE Board

A. Membership

The 13 members (10 voting) of the RISE Board shall include:

- Seats A-C: Three students at large, appointed by the ASUAF President;
- Seats D-F: Three students at large, appointed by ASUAF Senate;
- Seat G: One faculty member approved by Faculty Senate;
- Seat H: One staff member approved by Staff Council;
- Seat I: One additional UAF Community member approved by the RISE Board;
- Seat J: The Chancellor's designee;
- Seat K: The ASUAF President (or designee);
- Seat L: The ASUAF Office Manager (ex-officio);
- Seat M: The Sustainability Director (ex-officio).

Seats A-I shall serve 2-year terms beginning September 1st, and ending on the second August 31st. Members in seats A-I may only serve 1 full term. Nominations to fill vacancies for seat A-I shall be solicited by the Office of Sustainability as vacancies occur and shall be subject to initial review and recommendation by the RISE Board Selection Committee.

In the event that no qualified candidate can be found, a member who has already served one term may serve an additional year.

Seats A-I shall be considered active until approved or disapproved by their appropriate Governing body. Seats A-H shall be staggered in the following manner:

- Seats A, C, E & G shall begin their terms in the Fall of odd numbered years.
- Seats B, D, F & H shall begin their terms in the Fall of even numbered years.*

*for the Academic year 2013-2014, seats B, D, F & H shall be appointed in the fall and their terms shall last one year.

The individual members shall serve on the RISE Board at the will of their respective governing bodies. Appointed RISE Board members are subject to removal and replacement on the authority of their governing body or the Chancellor.

B. The Selection Committee

The RISE Board Selection Committee shall consist of:

- The ASUAF President or designee who sits on the RISE Board;
- The ASUAF Office Manager;
- The Director of Sustainability;
- A RISE Board member not seeking reappointment; and
- An ASUAF senator not currently seated on the RISE board.

Non-voting Selection Committee attendees may include the RISE board chair or designee and an Office of Sustainability student worker. No applicant to the RISE Board may be present at the Selection Committee meetings in which their applications are being considered.

C. The Chair

The Chair of the RISE Board shall be a student, subject to the approval of the ASUAF President. The Chair shall not be a voting member. The term of the RISE Board Chair shall be one year. The Chair shall coordinate with the Sustainability Director on agendas and communication with ASUAF.

D. Meetings

The RISE Board shall meet a minimum of two times per semester. Quorum for a meeting of the RISE Board shall be defined as the majority of its voting members.

E. Summer Board

Prior to the end of the spring semester, the Board shall appoint an Executive Committee to act on their behalf during the summer. The committee shall consist of at least three Board members composed of one student, one faculty, and one staff member.

F. Parliamentary Authority

The parliamentary authority for the RISE Board shall be Robert's Rules of Order.

Article III The Sustainability Director

A. Duties and Responsibilities

The Director of the Office of Sustainability is an employee of the University of Alaska. The Sustainability Director shall work with the RISE Board to facilitate sustainable projects funded by the Student Initiative for Renewable Energy Now (SIREN) fee. The Sustainability Director shall cooperate with the ASUAF President and staff of ASUAF. The Sustainability Director shall be responsible for the day-to-day management of the SIREN funds and Office of Sustainability. Furthermore the Sustainability Director shall facilitate dialogue and campus-wide programs that build upon UAF's commitment to sustainability and be a liaison to the larger community outside the university.

Article IV Agreements

A. Use of the SIREN funds

The priority use of the SIREN funds will always be for investing in energy efficiency programs and renewable energy projects.