

GOVERNANCE AGREEMENT
for the
Review of Infrastructure, Sustainability and Energy Board
Between the Associated Students of the University of Alaska Fairbanks (ASUAF),
& the University of Alaska Fairbanks Administration
REVISED September 2016

Preamble

In order to promote investment in energy efficiency programs and renewable energy projects, develop opportunities for students in sustainability projects and make decisions regarding the use of 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 the Sustainability fee is allocated towards projects that improve the quality of life for 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

The purpose of the RISE Board is to represent the students’ interests and protect their investment in the Sustainability fee.

Article II – Powers & Responsibilities

The RISE Board shall be the decision-making body for the use of sustainability funds as well as the authority for the review and recommendation of any and all policies utilizing these funds. Other powers and responsibilities of the RISE Board include, but are not limited to the following.

A. The Office of Sustainability

In compliance with University of Alaska Board of Regents Policy & Regulation, the RISE Board may create and maintain an Office of Sustainability at UAF including the hire of Sustainability employees as it sees fit to carry out decisions of the RISE Board and provide management of the sustainability funds. The Office and its employees shall be governed by the RISE Board with delegated managerial authority from the Associated Students of the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

B. Bylaws

The RISE Board may adopt bylaws to supplement this Governance Agreement.

C. Financial

1. The RISE Board shall retain financial authority over Sustainability fee revenue and any related Sustainability office funds. In the absence of a designated financial officer, the day-to-day administration of RISE Board finances shall be managed by the ASUAF Office Manager.
2. The RISE Board shall review and approve a budget for the use of Sustainability funds each fiscal year.
3. The RISE Board shall work with ASUAF and make appropriate arrangements to maintain all sustainability funds and provide regular financial reports to the UAF community.

Article III - The RISE Board

A. Membership

The 11 members (10 voting) of the RISE Board shall include:

- Seat A One student at large, appointed by the ASUAF President
- Seats B-C: Two students at large, appointed by ASUAF Senate
- Seats D-F: Three students at large, selected by the RISE Board
- Seat G: One faculty member selected by the RISE Board
- Seat H: One staff member selected by the RISE Board
- Seat I: One Community member selected by the RISE Board
- Seat J: The Chancellor's designee; (*non-voting Ex-Officio, with preference for a member of the UAF Master Planning Committee*)
- Seat K: The ASUAF President (or designee)

B. Terms & Vacancies

1. Seats shall be filled by the end of the spring semester for the start of term the following fall.
2. The term of office for all Board members shall be one year, concurrent with the active academic year.
3. There is no limit to the number of terms a member may serve.
4. 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.
5. Vacancies shall be made known to the appropriate governing body for replacement as soon as possible.

C. RISE Board Officers

The RISE Board shall elect a Chair and any other officers needed from within its membership during the first meeting of the academic year by simple majority through an equitable nomination and confirmation process.

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 may appoint a summer committee to act on their behalf during the summer. The committee shall consist of at least four members. Eligible members include RISE Board members active the spring prior or confirmed for the following fall semesters.

The Summer RISE Committee may exercise financial authority over the summer budget as approved by the full RISE Board prior to the start of the summer term.

F. Parliamentary Authority

The parliamentary authority for the RISE Board shall be Robert's Rules of Order. This Governance Agreement and any approved RISE Board Bylaws shall supersede any function of Robert's Rules of Order.

Article IV - Amendments and Termination

A. Amendments

This document may be amended at any regular meeting of the RISE Board by a simple majority of the full Board, provided that final action shall not be taken before the amendment is approved by a simple majority of the ASUAF Senate and signed by the following individuals:

1. The RISE Board Chair
2. The ASUAF President
3. The ASUAF Senate Chair
4. The Vice Chancellor for University and Student Advancement
5. The UAF Chancellor

B. Termination

This agreement shall be terminated one (1) year after the depletion of all RISE Board funds unless additional funds or investments are secured. This agreement may also be terminated by a 3/4 vote of the full Board or by a majority of voting members in a regular ASUAF election.

We, the undersigned, hereby officially approve this Governance Agreement at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. With our signatures, we duly recognize the aforementioned powers and authority of said Board, as established by this Governance agreement.

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Wyatt Hurlbut, RISE Board Chair	Date	Colby Freel, ASUAF President	Date
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Dana Thomas, UAF Chancellor	Date	Benjamin Anderson-Agimuk, ASUAF Senate Chair	Date
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Mike Sfraga, Vice Chancellor University & Student Advancement	Date		

We, the undersigned, hereby officially approve the changes made to this Governance Agreement by the RISE Board on September 8th, 2016 with the understanding that the amendments within remove the previously held obligations of our office to the RISE Board beyond the revised effective date.

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Orion Lawlor, President UAF Faculty Senate	Date	Faye Gallant, President UAF Staff Council	Date
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Michele Mouton, Director Office of Sustainability	Date		