



February 2014



Coalition of Student Leaders Shauna Thornton, Speaker

We held our Winter Retreat on Jan 10-11, 2014 in Anchorage at the Hotel Captain Cook. Various speakers informed the student leaders on subjects such as student services, legislation and budgeting for 2014, how to tell our story, the legislative process, and the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education. The retreat was informative and important for our upcoming Legislative Affairs trip to Juneau. We provided feedback for a student satisfaction survey the Faculty Alliance is working to develop. We also spoke with Dr. Dana Thomas, VP of Academic Affairs and shared feedback on the Shaping Alaska's future draft documents.

Our advocacy trip to Juneau takes place Jan-Feb 4. Our theme for the Legislative Affairs trip is "Building Alaska's Future". The Coalition of Student Leaders will be hosting an evening event with students and legislators at the CTC in Juneau on Saturday evening Feb. 1. The students will be meeting with legislators and others during the day event.

We will be working closely with Chris Christensen, Associate Vice President for State Relations and Michelle Rizk, Associate Vice President for Budget topics we need to know for our meetings with the legislators. There will be 100 students involved in this event from all over the state. The students are studying hard and excited to be a part of the legislative and university budgeting process.

During our business meeting at the retreat we formed an ad hoc committee to explore ways to fundraise for the Pat Ivey Coalition of Student Leaders Scholarship fund and they will report to us after the Legislative Affairs trip.

We are working on getting out our mission and recruiting students for the upcoming year with

The January meeting will also focus on developing an agenda for our face retreat in