Motion 2015-266-1:
Motion to Amend UAF Staff Council Bylaws to Add Language to Address Representatives Changing Units

UAF Staff Council approved the following motion on Nov. 9, 2015, at Staff Council Meeting #266. This motion was approved by roll-call vote with Representatives voting as follows:

FOR (14):
Mercedes Anderson
Jessica Armstrong
Celena Brown
Aly Englert
Susie Frei
Jane Groseclose
Stacey Howdeshell

FOR (cont.):
Jessica MacCallum
Brandi Marrero
Jenell Merrifield
Sue Mitchell
Evelyn Pensgard
Lesli Walls
Trish Winners

AGAINST (2):
Brad Krick
Chad Oleson

ABSTAINED (1):
Chris Brooks

MOTION
UAF Staff Council moves to amend the organization’s Bylaws to add language to address Representatives changing units, as follows:

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

RATIONALE: This motion amends and adds language in Section 3 to address when Staff Council members move from one unit to another in the middle of their term. ‘Elected’ is added to Section 3.A.VII. to differentiate between elected and special At-Large Representatives. Section 3.A.VIII. and Section 3.B.III. are added to allow Representatives to stay on Staff Council after their unit changes.

Haye Gallant, President, UAF Staff Council 12/16/15
Motion 2015-266-1 (cont.)

(addition) and/or CAPS = Addition
[[deletion]] and/or strike through = Deletion

Section 3. Staff Council Membership

A. Representation

VII. There shall be five ELECTED At-Large Representative seats on Staff Council. There is no unit or geographical designation to these five At-Large members; however, no one unit may occupy more than two ELECTED At-Large seats during any term. ELECTED At-Large Representatives shall be elected by all eligible voting members.

VIII. SPECIAL AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE SEATS MAY BE ESTABLISHED ACCORDING TO SECTION 3.B.III. SPECIAL AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES WOULD RETAIN FULL STAFF COUNCIL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES.

B. Vacancies

I. A vacancy occurring during the term of a Unit Representative shall be filled by someone volunteering from that unit, subject to approval of the president and the Elections Committee.

II. A vacancy occurring during the term of an At-Large Representative shall remain unfilled until the next election. If the vacancy is during the first year of a two year term, there will be a ‘special’ election to fill this position at the next election cycle. The remaining term will continue to be on the same election rotation as the position was originally intended.

III. WHEN AN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE VACATES THEIR SEAT DUE TO A UNIT CHANGE, THEY MAY CHOOSE TO MOVE TO A SPECIAL AT-LARGE SEAT UNTIL THE NEXT ELECTION FOR THEIR NEW UNIT.