2. A. President’s Report:

- Board of Regents meeting in Sitka (April 14 & 15)
- Springfest, April 23; staff should look for volunteer opportunities for cleaning up campus that day
- Regents Policy Change: The BOR agenda has several recommendations for deletions, some of which deal with governance. The one of most concern deals with the ability for representatives of governance to report directly to the regents. The President has assured Rory that the BOR hold these communications in high regard, so there will be discussion about this. There should be an update on this soon.
- UAF Chancellor search has a final group of candidates who will be visiting campus through the next few weeks. Staff should make every effort to meet these individuals. UAF needs to “sell ourselves” to the candidates (and their families).
- UAF Day at North Pole is coming up April 24 (see Advocacy committee report below)
- ACAS report – no background information yet on this. Report was to be presented to the BOR.
- Staff Alliance Retreat to Juneau: Maya Salganek reported that this was a truly valuable and positive experience for staff. Legislators provided a lot of good information on how to be better and more effective advocates. Especially important is making contact with legislators in the “off-season” while they’re in town. Luncheons and other kinds of informal settings where issues can be discussed was a suggestion. They especially emphasized the message of get out and vote. Both faculty and staff need to show up in large numbers to show their support for the University as well as general elections.
- Jim Johnsen will be proposing a new probationary period for employees who are promoted. This would be a 4 month period, and if, after this time, the employee is deemed not satisfactory in the position, they will be demoted to their former position if it is still available. If not, they would be laid off. Anyone who has comments about this proposal should contact their Staff Council rep. and we will forward comments to Rory, who will be called to testify on this.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT
A. Leah Aronow-Brown, CLA, reported on their departmental grass-roots effort to start a staff training program for the administrative assistants in the college. The Dean has authorized an expenditure of $4500 this year for 32 admin. support staff. Training opportunities include seminars, videos, targeted training sessions, mentoring, a library and staff recognition. If other departments are interested in starting a program like this, contact Leah at leah.aronow@uaf.edu.

4. GOVERNANCE REPORTS
A. Pete Pinney, UAF Faculty Senate President
- Pete voiced his appreciation of Rory’s ability to speak to the President in a calm and insightful way. He also thanked Rory for his participation with ACCFT and their coordination of their new health care plan.
- Faculty Senate is looking in the BOR policy on Academic Freedom; they will be forwarding recommendations to the BOR. Intellectual Property issues are part of this.
Ad Hoc ACAS committee has the draft report with 300 recommendations for streamlining and cost-saving measures.

Outcomes/Performance Based Budgeting: The Office of Institutional Research has now forwarded 18-20 nominations for review by the President. Faculty has emphasized raising the quality of education vs. the number of hours on the workload, etc.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. Staff Affairs: Motion regarding the Community Service Outreach Program – Passed.
   - Discussion of motion focused on the $ cost of the program; it was made evident that faculty have an outreach/community service component of their workload that is similar to this program.
B. Elections, Membership and Rules: Joani reported on the upcoming election for President-Elect and how this will be the focus for the next couple of meetings. There will be no electronic voting this time around.
C. Rural Affairs: Scott reported that RA is working on finalizing the award program and he will be hopefully finding a replacement for Chair from the regular membership.
D. Advocacy: Angela reported that the committee is working on finalizing plans for the upcoming UAF Day at North Pole, on April 24. 26 departments have signed up, there will be several musical groups performing, and the Chancellor will be present.
E. Workplace Ethics: Maya reported that the committee has invited Dr. Christine Cooper, faculty in the communications dept., to act as the facilitator for the workshop with administration. Maya handed out the draft list of questions, indicating that from these questions, more broad issues have been identified as working points. The committee will continue to work and plan the workshop for after graduation.
F. Performance Based Budgeting Ad Hoc: Liam reported that the committee has forwarded 10 suggestions to the Office of Institutional Research and is waiting to find out whether any of them have been adopted. (see attach 6) Rory recommended that staff identify one or two that are of utmost importance that we attach ourselves to supporting.
G. Picnic Committee: Lynette reminded everyone to pick up their raffle tickets. There is a sign-up for people to sell tickets at Wood Center on Payday-Fridays. She also reminded people to get nominations in for the Chancellor recognition awards to be given at the ice cream social.
H. TAB /Student Services Facilities Committee Report: Josh submitted written reports on the TAB awards for spring semester. See attachments 7 & 8.

6. OLD BUSINESS
A. Awards update: staff should put in their nominations for the Chancellor’s awards.
B. Agenda for staff council retreat, draft as attachment #9

7. NEW BUSINESS
A. Lynette requested suggestions for the staff ice cream social program; see her if you’d like to participate.
B. Bylaw resolution and draft ballot
C. Staff Council presidency (attachment 12, resolution to allow Rory to fulfill his term)

8. GUEST SPEAKER
A. Mike Humphrey, presentation about UA Choice Health Program
-Check Mike’s schedule on the website (www.alaska.edu/hr/benefits) to see when he’ll be doing a presentation in your area. If you’re interested in having a department presentation, contact Mike’s office to set it up.