

MINUTES
 UAF STAFF COUNCIL MEETING #176
 Face-to-face meeting (no audio-conference)
 Friday, 15 December 2006 – 8:45-11 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

| Present | Absent | Guests | Other |
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| Jackie Alleyne-McCants | Joyce Allen-Luopa | Dana Thomas | Lynette Washington |
| Liam Forbes | Sonja Bickford | Tim Barnett | |
| Mary Pat Boger | Ashley Munro | | |
| Diane Leavy | *Nici Murawsky | | |
| Paul Long | Dorothy Parkerson | | |
| David Miller | Holly Royce (excused) | | |
| Julie Carpenter for *Nici Murawsky | Sue Sharpton | | |
| Gary Newman | | | |
| *Barbara Oleson | | | |
| Sharon Corbett for Dorothy Parkerson | | | |
| Katrina Paul | | | |
| Maria Russell | | | |
| Carol Shafford | | | |
| Julie Smith | | | |
| Juella Sparks | | | |
| Jeff Stepp | | | |
| Kayt Sunwood | | | |
| Leah Swasey | | | |
| *Pam Twitchell | | | |

- A. Adopt Staff Council #176 Agenda, Friday, 15 December 2006.

The agenda was approved as distributed.

- B. Approve Staff Council Minutes #175, Wednesday, 15 November 2006.

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

2. OFFICER REPORTS

Jeff Stepp, President Staff Council

Jeff Stepp informed Council members that the Chancellor's reception was very positive. All Council members that participated greatly appreciated the hospitality of Chancellor Jones and his wife Judy. Jeff Stepp stated that President Hamilton recently affirmed his support for system governance groups. Jeff Stepp recognized and expressed his appreciation to Council members leaving the Council due to term expiration. Jeff reported that one of the Chancellor's priorities is to support the Council's efforts to establish an online election. The Chancellor requested that Gary Newman keep him briefed about the progress towards getting the online election established. Jeff Stepp updated Council members about the Mediation Program and noted that it is receiving support from Ro Bailey, VCAS and Beth Behner, Associate VP, Statewide Human Resources. Jeff stated that twenty people were present at a recent mediation meeting organized by Earlina Bowden. Jeff stated that Julie Marsh Dixon author of the mediation report may visit UAF during spring to conduct mediation training.

Jeff reminded Council members about supporting the Governance group's efforts to help students achieve success. For more information about student success access Jeff's blog at:

<http://uafstaffcouncilpres.blogspot.com/>

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was presented during the meeting.

4. GUESTS

- A. Tim Barnette, Vice Chancellor, Student and Enrollment Management Services and Dana Thomas, Vice Chancellor, General Studies: Admission Standards Fall 2008

The fall 2008 BA Admission Standard's and the BAS Group Overview information were attached to the agenda. Jeff Stepp welcomed Tim Barnette and Dana Thomas to the Council meeting. Dana Thomas reported that the purpose for the changes serve to help students achieve academic success.

- B. Mike Humphrey, UA Director of Benefits: WIN For Alaska

Mike Humphrey introduced the WIN for Alaska vendor and introduced Cindy Salmon from his office. A power presentation about the WIN program was presented to Council members. The overall purpose of the program is to build a culture of wellness, encourage positive behavior change, and to improve overall lifestyle and the quality of life. The program was announced via email. Council members that did not get the email were encouraged to contact Mike Humphrey's office for more information and details about the

program. Cindy Salmon stated that another email would be sent out system wide. You may access the WIN for Alaska website at: <http://winforalaska.com/>

5. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

A. Jon Genetti, President-Elect, Faculty Senate

Jon Genetti informed Council members about the current actions of the Faculty Senate. Jon Genetti stated that the Senate is focused on student success initiatives. Jon Genetti informed the Council that the new plus/minus grading policy would go into effect fall 2007 along with the new admission standard's policy.

B. Sven Gilkey, President, ASUAF

Sven Gilkey updated Council members about recent actions, issues, and concerns of the ASUAF group. The group is working on creating an endowment for a needs-based scholarship program. Sven reported that students are concerned about the plus/minus grade policy changes, especially the possibility of being dropped from a program and being refused financial aid in the event of receiving a "C-" grade. The new grading policy will go into effect fall 2007.

UNIVERSITY REGULATION

R10.04.09

Numerical Equivalencies for Grades

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|----------|---------|----------|
| A+ = 4.0 | A = 4.0 | A- = 3.7 |
| B+ = 3.3 | B = 3.0 | B- = 2.7 |
| C+ = 2.3 | C = 2.0 | C- = 1.7 |
| D+ = 1.3 | D = 1.0 | D- = 0.7 |
| F = 0.0 | | |

INFORMATION

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Report sent by Naomi Horne, Development Officer, and Office of Development: Alternatives to the Staff Council raffle and the Scholarship Fund report from Kim Davis, Advancement Services Director

The reports were attached to the agenda as submitted by Naomi Horne and Kim Davis of the Development office. Naomi Horne congratulated the Council for all of their efforts towards increasing the scholarship fund over the years. Paula Long and Lynette Washington briefed Council members about the history of the Carolyn Sampson Memorial UA Foundation endowed scholarship fund.

7. BREAK

Jeff Stepp called for a ten minute recess.

INFORMATION

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Staff Affairs, Liam Forbes

The minutes for the staff affairs 11/28/06 committee meeting are now posted on the Staff Council website at: www.uaf.edu/uafgov/staff/staffcom/affairs/ .

B. Rural Affairs, Barbara Oleson

The report was attached to the agenda.

C. Advocacy – Jeff Stepp

No report was available. Jeff Stepp plans to review the committee's reference binder left by the former Chair, Angela Linn.

D. Elections, Membership, and Rules, Leah Swasey

The election result's report was attached to the agenda. Jeff Stepp called for the motion.

The UAF Staff Council passed the following motion at its meeting, Staff Council #176, 15 December 2006

MOTION (passed unanimously)

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The UAF Staff Council moves to approve the fall 2006 Odd-Numbered unit election results.

RATIONALE: The Elections, Membership, and Rules committee would like the Council to approve the fall 2006 Odd-Numbered unit election results.

Effective: Immediately

Whereas, elections for Odd-Unit Staff Council Representatives and Alternates were held during the month of November and counted at a meeting of the Election Membership and Rules Committee on December 4, 2006; and

Whereas, the election results indicate the following staff are elected to the following units according to this report of the Election Membership and Rules Committee;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the UAF Staff Council accepts the election report of the Election, Membership, and Rules Committee and certifies the election of Odd-Numbered Unit Representatives and Alternates beginning their two-year terms January 1, 2007.

Lynette Washington briefed Council members about the updated Staff Council Meeting Calendar and the draft spring 2007 membership list.

E. Ad Hoc Health and Wellness, Paula Long

After hearing a brief discussion about the purpose of the letter attached to the agenda, Council members agreed that the letter should be forwarded to Forrest Karr, Director of Athletics and Recreation as submitted by the Advocacy committee in behalf of the Staff Council.

F. Ad Hoc Staff Calendar, Gary Newman

Gary Newman updated Council members about the progress of the calendar production. The calendar will be available by mid-January.

G. Ad Hoc Staff Appreciation Day, Lynette Washington

Lynette Washington informed the Council that the committee plans to meet before the holiday break and that she would share more information after that meeting.

UAF Governance Web link: www.uaf.edu/uafgov/staffcouncil.html

News Room – Check for Staff Council Announcements at: <http://www.uaf.edu/news/news.html>

9. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Chancellor's Campus Diversity Action Committee (CCDAC) – Maya Salganek

Kayt Sunwood updated Council members about recent actions of the committee. She informed the group that a web page is being developed and that Ro Bailey joined the group as an ex officio member. Kayt announced plans for women's leadership skills meeting scheduled to take place in late January 2007.

B. Governance Coordinating Committee – Jeff Stepp

Jeff Stepp updated Council members about the GCC group. Jeff reported that the GCC is committed and focused on student success along with all Governance groups.

C. Master Planning Committee – Gary Newman – <http://www.uaf.edu/mastplan> .

No report available.

D. Technology Advisory Board Committee (TAB) – Gary Newman

The report was attached to the agenda.

E. Master Planning Subcommittee on Circulation and Parking – Katrina Nelson Paul

No report available.

External committee reports will be attached or linked to the agenda if available.

10. STAFF COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

The Council discussed information about various issues and concerns.

11. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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