

MINUTES
UAF STAFF COUNCIL MEETING #181
Wednesday, 6 June 2007
8:45 – 11:00 a.m.
Wood Center Carol Brown Ballroom

Our next Staff Council meeting #182 is scheduled, Wednesday, 19 September 2007, 8:45-11 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Deborah Carlson for Gary Newman
Dee Daniels
Liam Forbes
Christine Hutchinson for Mary Pat Boger
Martin Klein
Glyn Komkai
Diane Leavy
*Barbara Oleson
Katrina Paul
Ana Richards
Ashley Munroe
Kathy Petersen for Nicole Conley
Holly Royce
John Rutherford
Carol Shafford
Juella Sparks
Kayt Sunwood
*Pam Twitchell

ABSENT

Jackie Alleyne-McCants
Sonja Bickford
Mary Pat Boger
Nicole Conley
Joanna Cruzan
Steve Estes
Paula Long
*Nici Murawski
Gary Newman
Alice Palen
Dorothy Parkerson
Maria Russell
Julie Smith
Shaun Sowell
Leah Swasey

OTHERS

Lynette Washington

- A. The Staff Council meeting #181 Agenda was approved as submitted, Wednesday, 6 June 2007.
- B. The Minutes for Staff Council meeting #180 were approved as submitted, Friday, 18 May 2007.

2. OFFICER REPORTS

- A. Kayt Sunwood, President, Staff Council.

Kayt Sunwood stated that she has been attending other Governance meetings as her schedule allows. Kayt Sunwood informed Council members about a pilot skill soft educational program that might be available to staff by this summer. Kayt Sunwood stated that she is planning on looking into how the Eluminate Program can be used to track staff training and certificates. Eluminate live is a computer program that uses voice over IP that makes rural communication more possible and you don't have to pay for it; it can work on a slow internet connection to connect from a distance. Kayt stated that she could plan a demonstration if there is interest; Kayt and Juella will send out information as the plan

develops. Kayt Sunwood reported that negotiations are going on currently with the unions. The union staff members are not part of the Staff Council, but the deal the University made with the unions affects our health care provisions. Kayt reported that the current package that the University has on the table would increase healthcare costs substantially by 2011; the union members were not open to this.

B. Juella Sparks, President-Elect, Staff Council.

Juella Sparks introduced herself and looks forward to working with the Council.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments about the

GUESTS

4. No guests scheduled.

5. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

A. Jon Genetti, President, Faculty Senate.

Not available.

B. Jake Hamburg, President, ASUAF.

Not available.

ACTION

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Administrative Committee Summer Meeting Motion.

Kayt Sunwood read the motion and called for discussion. After a brief discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

The UAF Staff Council passed the following motion at Staff Council meeting #182, Wednesday, 6 June 2007.

MOTION (passed unanimously):

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The UAF Staff Council moves to authorize the Administrative Committee to act on behalf of the Council on all matters within its purview, which may arise until the Council resumes deliberations in the fall of 2007. Representatives and Alternates will be kept informed of Administrative Committee meetings and will be encouraged to attend and participate in these meetings. The Administrative Committee reserves the right to convene emergency meetings of the entire UAF Staff Council during this period for action on issues it considers are more appropriately resolved by the entire body.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately upon Staff Council approval.

RATIONALE: The business of shared governance at UAF is not limited to an academic calendar, but rather is a year-round activity. The need to represent staff and be responsive to requests for staff input are as important during the summer months as they are during the academic year. In addition, a majority of the UAF Staff Council committees plan to conduct business from June to September 2007 and thus there is a need to support those activities and relay information to UAF staff at large.

Kayt Sunwood called for discussion on the proposed summer meeting dates for the Administrative committee. The committee was undecided; Lynette Washington will follow-up with the committee through e-mail.

INFORMATION

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee Chairs project/block fall through spring committee meeting schedule.

Kayt Sunwood called for discussion about committee meeting dates. Lynette Washington reminded committee chairs that this information is needed mainly to confirm preferred meeting locations.

B. Staff Council calendar information.

Lynette Washington stated that the information was attached to the agenda to remind Council members about the fall 2007 through spring 2008 meeting schedule.

C. Updated Staff Council Membership, Unit, and Committee lists.

Lynette Washington stated that the lists were attached as information and reference tools for Council members.

8. BREAK

Kayt Sunwood called for a ten minute break.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE CHAIR Year-End Reports

The year-end reports were attached to the agenda.

A. Staff Affairs, Liam Forbes, May meeting report.

The report was attached to the agenda.

B. Rural Affairs, Barbara Oleson, Rural Affairs, May meeting report.

The report was attached to the agenda.

C. Elections, Membership, and Rules, Leah Swasey.

The report was sent as an addition to the agenda. Kayt Sunwood read the report and stated that Leah plans to resign as chair of the committee. The committee intends to elect a new chair at the June meeting. Kayt Sunwood encouraged Council members to recruit staff to join Staff Council. She stated that the goal to create an online election tool is still being pursued; Leah is still researching a browser to use during the election period.

D. Ad Hoc Health and Wellness Committee, Paula Long.

No report received.

E. Advocacy Committee, Shaun Sowell.

No report received.

F. Ad Hoc Staff Appreciation Day Committee, Lynette Washington.

The report was attached to the agenda.

Committee Chairs: If available please forward your reports to https://fystaff.email.uaf.edu/webmail/src/compose.php?send_to=fystaff%40uaf.edu and post reports on the Governance web site - <http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/staffcouncil.html>

10. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS (if available).

A. Master Planning Committee (MPC) – Gary Newman.

No report available.

B. Subcommittee on Parking and Circulation Committee Report – Katrina Paul.

No report available.

C. Governance Coordinating Committee (GCC) – TBA.

No report available.

D. Chancellor's Campus Diversity Action Committee (CCDAC), Kayt Sunwood

Kayt Sunwood informed the Council that the committee is working on establishing a Web page that will be up by fall 2007. Kayt Sunwood stated that Patrick Lee, Associate Athletic Director for External Affairs received the first Chancellor's CCDAC award.

E. Kim Cox – Chancellor's Budget Committee, Kim Cox.

No report available.

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

11. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

The round table discussion held is off the record.

12. ADJOURN

13. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

A tape of this Staff Council meeting is available in the Governance Office, Room 312 Signers' Hall.

For More information contact the UAF Staff Council Governance Office

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