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UAF STAFF COUNCIL MEETING #206
Wednesday, 21 April, 2010
8:45-11:00 a.m.
Wood Center Carol Brown Ballroom

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Elizabeth Guthier
Susan Baird
Bryan Uher
Sara Battiest
Kathy Peterson
Margo Griffith
Sharon Corbett
Ben Tucker
Gary Newman
Nici Murawsky
Jennifer Elhard
Dayna Mackey
Heather Leavengood
Katrina Paul
Mary Sue Dates
Sara Spurlin
Dawn Dearing
Brad Havel
Deb Hao
Carol Shafford
Forrest Kuiper
Chris Van Dyck
Walker Wheeler
Travis Brinzow
Richard Machida

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Robert Mackey
Jodi Baxter
Amy Bristor
Ashley Munro
Kayt Sunwood
Pips Veazey
Ann Hovde
Jennifer Stutesman
Britton Anderson

ABSENT

Joey Bays
Jenny Day

OFFICERS PRESENT

Jon Dehn, President, Faculty Senate
Juella Sparks, Past-President, Staff Council
Maria Russell, President-Elect, Staff Council
Martin Klein, President, Staff Council

GUEST(S)

Brian Rogers, UAF Chancellor

A. Adopt Staff Council Agenda #206, Wednesday, 21 April, 2010

The agenda is adopted as amended.

B. Approve Staff Council Minutes #205, Friday, 19 March 2010

The minutes are approved as amended.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There is no public comment at this time.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

A. Martin Klein, President, Staff Council (206/1)

Martin's report is attached. There are two attachments that are quite lengthy, they are strictly as a reference. The attachments include Business Council's reviews and a memo from Chancellor Rogers summarizing the Executive Leadership workshop. There is a follow up budget meeting on April 30. Martin encourages everyone to read the memo. The memo and attached notes summarize the direction the administration is looking at going in FY12.

B. Maria Russell, President-Elect, Staff Council

Maria wanted to note that Open Enrollment is in progress. There was a concern that there wasn't a handbook this year. There was only three different links to click on. There is a Brown Bag Lunch on Open Enrollment and Health Care in Wood Center E/F from 12:00-1:00 tomorrow. Maria did testify at the board of regents meeting. There was some concern at the Staff Alliance level that staff would not be getting their 3% increases. To date the budget has passed with the 3% increases. Staff Alliance only had to report Mau updates. Juella asked if there was a lot of concern about the Open enrollment changes. Carol noted that it is a bit confusing, but is all available at the website. Juella proposed that the issue might be evaluated in Staff Affairs. There could have been a handbook equivalent. Juella encourages a response to this group.

4. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

A. Jon Dehn, President, Faculty Senate

Jon confirmed that Cathy and Jon have had their term extended. President Hamilton addressed the last Faculty Senate and gave good and sobering advice for the future. Jon noted that much of the new business in the Senate was updating bylaws, an approved Minor in Engineering, an Associates in Drafting and evaluating some faculty that do not fit under the faculty collective bargaining agreements. The Outstanding Senator Award this year goes to Jennifer Reynolds and Ann Christie for updating the bylaws. There is some discussion on the Academic Master Plan. The Academic Master Plan is statewide which drives programming and funding for programs. The plan will be given to the Board of Regents in June. It is unclear what our input will be after that time. It is available at the Faculty Senate website. The future of the bookstore still remains unclear. The Board of Regents meeting focused on budget in Juneau, the president's proposal to

raise tuition by 10% in the coming two years, and the second amendment issue of concealed weapons on campus. There was a presentation and indications that there will be protest on campus on Monday and Tuesday but nothing seems to have occurred. Juella asked if Faculty Senate is coming up with a policy for concealed guns use. The Chancellor has asked Faculty Senate to purpose a policy. Demonstrations were held last week, to protest tuition increases.

B. Todd Vorisek, President, ASUAF

No report at this time.

5. GUEST(S)

A. Brian Rogers, UAF Chancellor

The capital legislative session was a significant disappointment. There was no immediate funding the Life Sciences building. The legislature funded 3 billion in capital projects across the state. There was 10 million given to UAF for funding the Energy Technology facility. UAF was given 22 million for differed maintenance which is only 3 quarters what we need to stay even.

The operating budget did fund ACEP, Cooperative Extension and the Summer Research Academy. The university requested funding according to formula for paying increases for bargaining agreements and exempt staff, funded at 60% total cost minus \$492,000. It's unclear why it's minus \$492,000.

We will be moving forward on the budget without all our costs covered. The Executive Leadership workshop will come together to bring balance to the budget. There is a growing gap in our budget due to lack of support from the legislature and the public. On the good side, the Management of Institutional Funds Act passed, it only took 20 years. This puts us in line with other laws in other states. The legislature increased the debt limit in a given year, providing we can give it back. The energy act made UAF eligible for the energy funding so energy improvements can be made. We are all looking forward to the transition of President Gamble. It will be interesting to see what his priorities are for the university. Chancellor Rogers also noted that he sent out a message to the Dean and Director's supporting the attendance of Staff Appreciation Day.

Gary asked why the Life Sciences building is such a heavy lift. Chancellor Rogers is at a loss why the funding is harder to come by. The Geo Bond on the November ballot has 88 million for the Life Sciences building, 60 million for UAA Sports Arena, 24 million for the Matsu Campus Arts Facility 18 million for the Kenai campus Student Housing and 5 million for the Kenai Tech Center and 5 million for Prince William Sound deferred maintenance. All requests are linked to research and educational facilities.

Martin asked the Chancellor to address the pull back. There is a big unknown in the budget right now. The legislature adopted the intent that every dollar that we raise from non-state, non-federal sources the state will give us a dollar and a quarter. Over time this will reduce state funding. It was first adopted in the house where they had a single appropriation. Once in the Senate it was moved to 7 appropriations. These appropriations are like buckets of money that you can't move from one bucket to another. 3% of each MAU's funds that have been withdrawn from each bucket and stuck into an appropriation for the President to decided what to do with.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS (206/2)

A. Staff Affairs, Heather Leavengood

Please see the attached report. The compensation outline deadline at the end of the summer and it should make great resource for staff in general. Unionization is a continual conversation. There is some staff concern of union representatives coming to the workplace and the home. Martin added that on the Statewide Labor Relations site that lists the clarification of ASEA's intention to unionize all staff. Maria noted that we are only dealing with ASEA union now.

A. Rural Affairs, Susan Baird

Please see the attached report.

B. Elections, Membership, and Rules, Katrina Paul

Please see the attached report. Elections, Membership and Rules had a guest presenter for Robert's Rules, Joe Margraf. Attached to the EMR notes is a cheat sheet and power point for Robert's Rules.

C. Advocacy Committee, Ashley Munro

Please see attached report.

D. Staff Appreciation Day Committee, Ashley Munro

Please see attached report. Bryan Uher addressed a concern that grades are due on May 19 for Staff Appreciation Day so not a lot of people are able to get off work. He also voiced a concern that the Longevity Awards are at an insufficient standard. People in the 5, 10, 15 years are not being appropriate recognized.

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7. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS (206/3)

A. Master Planning Committee (MPC), Gary Newman

A MPC report is attached please view the draft for details.

B. Subcommittee on Parking and Circulation Committee (SCP), Katrina Paul

The committee has not met. There is a Parking Advisory Committee. They were tasked to look at parking for a year. As a result of committees winding down it is being recommended that the two committees be merged into one. Carol asked if the rumors of parking costs to go up next year are true. Martin noted that it was true, parking fees and parking ticket costs will be increased. Carol asked what the percentage might be. The increase will be 5% each year for the next three years. The increased rates will cover increased costs of shuttle service and other services.

C. Chancellor's Diversity Action Committee (CDAC), Joey Bays and Ginny Tschanz

No report at this time. Juella noted that the web link for the CDAC website is out. CDAC is trying to find ways to collect information the employee exit survey. The survey is to be evaluated to determine if there is any violation of race, sex, or other discriminatory actions. The Campus Climate Survey is still active as well.

D. Governance Coordinating Committee (GCC), Martin Klein

This committee has not met.

E. Technology Advisory Board Committee (TAB), Brad Havel

Please see the attached report.

F. Chancellor's Planning and Budget Committee, Chris Van Dyck

Chris noted that the committee is ranking capital and program requests. There are a lot of requests for funding in Engineering. Currently, the main priorities are the residence halls and Engineering department development. The committee meets once a week. There is currently not a website where this information is kept to date.

G. Student Recreation Center Board (SRCB), Carol Shafford

No report at this time.

H. Bunnell House Advisory Committee, Walker Wheeler and Heather Leavengood

Please see the attached report.

I. Work, Life, Balance Committee, Walker Wheeler and Heather Leavengood

Please see the attached report.

J. Staff Healthcare Committee, Ashley Munro and Maria Russell

This committee has not met.

K. Intercollegiate Athletic Council, Pips Veazey and Heather Leavengood

No report at this time.

L. Chancellor's Advisory Committee for the Naming of Campus Facilities, Maria Russell

The committee met a week ago. They are in progress of setting up parameters for the committee to be in compliance with the board of regent's policy. There was some discussion about naming a room after Frank Davis down in the Hutchison building

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Call for Volunteers for Staff Appreciation Day

Nichole reiterated that Staff Appreciation Day is still in need of volunteers for session monitors and so please email her at fystaff@uaf.edu or contact Ashley Munro at akmunro@alaska.edu.

B. Union Update

The union forums attendance has been well received. A voting date has not been set at this time. Jon noted that the UNAC and AFT have primarily representation for faculty. Faculty would like to choose which union they would like to belong too. The faculty union litigations are in process.

C. Reminder-Vice President Nominations

Katrina reminded Council that vice president nominations are still open. There are no nominations to date. The nomination closing date is May 7, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

ACTION

9. NEW BUSINESS

B. Draft Annual President's Report

Report is not yet complete. The draft will be sent to administrative committee and then circulate to Council over the next few weeks. It will be formally voted on at the May Staff Council meeting.

10. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

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