

UAF Staff Council President's Report November 2011

Tuition Waiver

Staff Council leaders carried to Staff Alliance the tuition waiver resolution requesting that no changes be made to the tuition waiver benefit. Staff Alliance adopted the resolution with additional language to address conflicts with Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements.

Staff Compensation

Earlier this month the president and vice president of Staff Council attended the Board of Regents (BOR) meeting in order to testify on behalf of the proposed 3.5% staff compensation increase. The Board voted to accept the budget with the inclusion of this request and forwarded it on to the Governor's office for review.

System Governance and Strategic Direction

Leaders of System Governance that include students, staff, faculty and alumni leaders met earlier this month to discuss many of the same issues that we are addressing including health care, the employee and dependent tuition waiver, the President's policy and regulation review, and the status of the Strategic Direction. From the calendar it appears that the listening session in Fairbanks will be held February 14 at a location to be announced.

Policy and Regulation Review

As noted in the previous meeting, President Gamble is undertaking a policy and regulation review with the goal of creating a clear, current and relevant document for the university. In response to his request for staff input on current policies and regulations, Staff Alliance developed an online form to collect recommended changes. The link, which was distributed to all Staff Council members, can be found at <http://www.alaska.edu/bor/policyregulations/>. Staff alliance will be working to identify sections that are most relevant to staff for consideration in this process. We encourage all staff members to provide input on the above form.

Committees

Staff Council committees are an important way to be involved with current issues and provide important input to university events. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the multitude of committees that Staff Council touches. Your work is much appreciated and needed for a healthy and active organization.

Happy Thanksgiving – best wishes for a peaceful and happy holiday!