

UAF Staff Council passed the following resolution (Resolution 2012-231-1), at Staff Council Meeting #231, on September 19, 2012. (Vote = 10 For, 3 Against and 1 Abstention):

### ***RESOLUTION***

#### ***DIVERSITY AND REAFFIRMATION OF COMMITMENT TO SHARED GOVERNANCE***

**WHEREAS**, Regents Policy requires the University to “provide an effective opportunity for university faculty, staff and students to play a meaningful role in matters affecting their welfare”<sup>1</sup> through participation in shared governance; and

**WHEREAS**, the University administration has recently demonstrated a lack of commitment to the principle of shared governance through its decisions to close the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Diversity (OMAD) and the UAF Women’s Center without including governance organizations in the decision-making process; and

**WHEREAS**, the University administration has since rescinded its decision to close the Women’s Center and agreed to appoint an advisory group, to include governance for the center; and

**WHEREAS**, the University administration has agreed to appoint a task force to include governance to review and update the mission of OMAD in its support for students; and

**WHEREAS**, the chancellor stated his recognition of and commitment to governance during his Fall 2012 convocation; now

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Staff Council urges the University administration to reaffirm its commitment to the principle of shared governance by communicating to the UAF community the successful installment of the above referenced advisory group and task force; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Staff Council urges the UAF administration to seek input from governance in advance of decisions to close or reorganize offices or departments that significantly impact staff.



Juella Sparks, Staff Council President

10/24/12  
Date

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<sup>1</sup> Regents Policy, Part III—Faculty, Staff, and Student Governance, Chapter 03.01.D.1