

## Statement of Intent to Reorganize Staff Council

We propose to assemble a working group within UAF Staff Council to address the topic of Staff Council reorganization with a goal of creating a body that provides an open and effective conduit between staff and administration, understands clearly the issues that staff face at the university and is able to effectively communicate staff concerns and promote positive change.

Current UAF Staff Council participation indicates dwindling numbers of staff willing to participate with 23 of 34 representative seats filled and virtually no alternates identified. Over the past few years, there have been units that lack any representation. Staff Council seems to be losing some of its most active representatives, and several former members have unofficially stated their decision to leave UAF Staff Council hinged on the feeling that under the current structure staff 'can't change anything.' Our desire to reorganize UAF Staff Council extends from this frustration.

Please contact Pips Veazey ([adveazey@alaska.edu](mailto:adveazey@alaska.edu)) if you are interested in working on this issue over the next month.