

University Advocacy Committee – February 2014 Committee Report

Lesli Walls, Chair

- Advocacy last met on Feb. 5, 2014.
- Attendance: Lesli Walls, Jessica MacCallum, Jami Warrick, Cindy Collins, Brad Krick

2014 Staff Make Student Count Award

Advocacy will take the lead on this year's Staff Make Students Count Award. Advocacy members will work with representatives from student governance to form a committee to review nominations. Nominations for the Staff Make Students Count Award close on Feb. 21. The review committee will meet once the Staff Council Office has processed nominations.

Carolyn Sampson Memorial Scholarship

Advocacy will look into having a Staff Council representative on the Carolyn Sampson Memorial Scholarship selection committee. Jami Warrick will serve as the committee representative to the selection committee.

Possible Resolution Requesting Additional Town Hall Meetings with Chancellor

The committee will work with the Staff Council Officers to draft a resolution requesting that the Chancellor hold town hall meetings quarterly or each semester. This resolution would be presented to Staff Council to be forward to the UAF Governance Coordinating Committee (GCC)

Staff Mentoring and Development

Committee Chair, Lesli Walls, recently met with Pat Pitney, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services, and Anita Hartmann, Associate Director of UAF Human Resources, to discuss staff mentoring. Their discussion included staff mentoring and development. More information on this topic will be forthcoming.

Staff Travel Fund and Creating a New Staff Professional Development Fund

The Committee discussed developing a new fund that would help staff cover the cost of fees or tuition not covered by the waiver for professional development by having a fund raising table at Staff Appreciation Day, "Give us a Buck". At that time we would also solicit interested staff to select to use our current travel fund to finally put it to use and close it out.