University of Alaska Fairbanks

Staff Council

Motion 2016-274-2

APPROVED

UAF Staff Council unanimously approved the following motion by roll call vote, at Staff Council Meeting #274, on Sept. 12, 2016. Roll call vote was as follows:

FOR:
Jessica Allard
Jessica Armstrong
Kara Axx
Chris Brooks
Susie Frei
Jane Groseclose
Stacey Howdeshell
Kimberly Knudsen

FOR (cont.):
Brad Krick
Lena Krutikov
Brandi Marrero
Jenell Merrifield
Sue Mitchell
Mathew Mund
Dean Ojala
Chad Oleson

FOR (cont.):
Melissa Parks
Wendy Rupe
Chynna Sangren (proxy for A. Wall)
Samara Taber
Lesli Walls
Trish Winners

AGAINST: (none)

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Motion to Amend Bylaw Section 3.E.II.a. and Section 3.E.II.a. – Representative Election Voting Timeframe

In accordance with the notice given in the call of the meeting, UAF Staff Council moves to amend bylaws Section 3.E.II. by inserting ‘AND AT-LARGE’ after the words ‘The elections for Unit;’ and Section 3.E.II.a. by striking out ‘30’ and inserting ‘15’ after the words ‘a minimum of’.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

RATIONALE: Staff Council’s current voting time frame for Representative elections is a minimum of 30 days. The longer time frame is not necessary given Staff Council’s electronic voting system. Most votes occur in a short time span after Staff Council sends out announcements and reminders about the vote via email. Reducing the minimum number of days required for the voting time frame will allow for increased flexibility for
Staff Council to hold and validate elections for Staff Council Representatives without reducing staff participation in the election.

The addition of "At-Large" is a minor language change to clarify that both Unit and At-Large Representatives are covered by the same election voting time frame.

RATIONALE (cont.): 15 days is proposed instead of 14 or 10 in order to help ensure that staff who are away from the office for a two-week period will have the opportunity to vote.

[[INSERT]] = add language

Strike = remove language

Section 3. E. Elections

II. The elections for Unit [[AND AT-LARGE]] Representatives shall adhere to the following:

a. Elections will be conducted in the fall. The voting time frame will be a minimum of 30 [[15]] days.

Faye Gallant, President, UAF Staff Council

September 21, 2016