AGENDA
UAF STAFF COUNCIL #281
Monday, May 1, 2017
8:45 - 11:15 AM
Wood Center Ballroom
Video Conference

I. 8:45 - 8:50 CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
   A. Call to Order
   B. Roll Call
   C. Approval of Staff Council Meeting #281 Agenda
   D. Approval of Staff Council Meeting #280 Minutes
      i. Approval postponed until Staff Council Meeting #283, Aug. 7, 2017
   E. Approval of Consent Agenda
      i. Resolution of Appreciation of Nate Bauer
         • Attachment 281-4: Resolution 2017-281-4 - DRAFT
      ii. Resolution in Appreciation of Chancellor Dana Thomas
         • Attachment 281-5: Resolution 2017-281-5 - DRAFT
   F. Green Dot Minute

II. 8:50 - 9:00 STATUS OF PENDING ACTIONS
    A. Staff Council Resolution 2016-277-2: Resolution Proposing Changes to Furlough Leave Language in UA Regulation R04.07.110 D1 to Allow for Leave Accrual by Non-exempt Employees
    B. Staff Council Resolution 2016-281-E1: Resolution in Support of the Addition of Staff and Faculty Regents to the UA Board of Regents
       i. Action was forwarded by officers to UA Staff Alliance
       ii. Attachment 281-17: Staff Council Resolution 2017-280-E1-Approved

III. 9:00 - 9:05 PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. 9:05 - 9:20 OFFICERS’ REPORTS
    A. Nate Bauer, President
    B. Samara Taber, Vice President

V. 9:20 - 9:30 GOVERNANCE REPORTS
    A. ASUAF Report - Colby Freel, President, ASUAF
B. Faculty Senate Report - Chris Fallen, President Elect, Faculty Senate

VI. 9:30 - 10:00 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2017-2018 Officer Election
   i. Election of President
      • Close of nominations - President
      • Candidate Statements - President
      • Vote
         • Online Ballot (For those attending meeting remotely ONLY. Form will be opened for voting after nominations are officially closed.):
            https://docs.google.com/a/alaska.edu/forms/d/1Q2f3xGuNq_fzBBvPd92lzP2Drg_k5P5YXVO4g8Gr8/edit?usp=sharing
         • Announcement of Election Result
   ii. Election of Vice President
      • Close of Nominations - Vice President
      • Candidate Statements - Vice President
      • Vote - Vice President
         • Online Ballot (For those attending meeting remotely ONLY. Form will be opened for voting after nominations are officially closed.):
            https://docs.google.com/a/alaska.edu/forms/d/1E37DNz0kpLkW-d4moib34p6SL8ILppVaRkPU8irFDkk/edit?usp=sharing
         • Announcement of Election Result
   iii. Motion to Ratify 2017 - 2018 Officer Election
      • Attachment 281-1: Motion 2017-281-1: DRAFT

B. Staff Volunteer Day
C. Staff Mentoring
D. Employee Giving Initiative
E. UA Strategic Pathways http://www.alaska.edu/pathways/
   i. Phase 2 Reports: www.alaska.edu/pathways/phase-2/
   ii. Phase 3 Reports: www.alaska.edu/pathways/phase-3/
   iii. Phase 3 Request for Feedback
      • Attachment 281-10: Official Administration Request for Feedback on Strategic Pathways Phase 3 (April 18, 2017)
F. Role of At-Large Representatives - Discussion
G. Single Accreditation
H. Budget Update
I. Committee Representatives: (none)

VII. 10:00 - 10:10 BREAK

VIII. 10:10 - 10:15 STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS
   A. 2017 Outstanding Staff Council Achievement Award Presentation

IX. 10:15 - 10:30 CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS

X. 10:30 - 10:55 NEW BUSINESS
   A. Staff Council Meeting Notes - Discussion
   B. Motion to Cancel June Staff Council Meeting #282
      i. Discussion
      ii. Attachment 281-2: Motion 2017-281-2: Motion to Cancel Staff Council Meeting #282, June 5, 2017 - DRAFT
   C. Motion to Transfer of Staff Council’s Authority to the Executive Board for Summer 2017
      i. Discussion
      ii. Attachment 281-3: Motion 2017-281-3 - DRAFT
   D. Unit Restructuring Discussion - Presented by Membership & Rules
      i. Proposed Change #1:
         Update Title of Unit 3 by changing School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences (SNRAS) to School of Natural Resources and Extension (SNRE) and Removing CES
      ii. Proposed Change #2:
         Change Unit 6 from School of Fisheries & Ocean Sciences to College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (Unit 6)
      iii. Proposed Change #3:
         Combine Unit 8 (CLA) and Unit 10 (CNSM, UA Museum) into a new Unit 8 (CLA, CNSM, & UA Museum)
      iv. Proposed Change #4:
         Combine Unit 4 (IAB) and Unit 14 (IARC) into a new Unit 4 (IAB & IARC)
      v. Proposed Change #5:
         Move Cooperative Extension Service - Family Health, Home, and Family Development (T170) from Unit 9 (Chancellor’s Unit) to Unit 3 (CEM, SNRE, CES)
      vi. Proposed Change #6:
         Move Biomedical Learning and Student Training (BLaST, T240) from Unit 7 (USA) to Unit 10 (CNSM, UA Museum) (Final Unit # dependent upon approval of related motions)
      vii. Proposed Change #7:
         Move Upward Bound (T240) from Unit 7 (USA) to Unit 9 (Chancellor’s Unit)
viii. Proposed Change #8
Move OIT from Unit 15 to Unit 10
Dependent upon approval of related motion(s)

ix. Proposed Change #9
Deletion of Unit 14
Dependent upon approval of related motion(s)

x. Proposed Change #10
Deletion of Unit 15
Dependent upon approval of related motion(s)

XI. 10:55 - 11:05 INTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. Elections – Jessica Armstrong, Co-Chair & Stacey Howdeshell, Co-Chair
   i. Attachment 281-6: May Committee Report
   ii. Attachment 281-15: Annual Committee Report

B. Membership and Rules - Mathew Mund, Chair
   i. Attachment 281-7: May Committee Report

C. Rural Affairs - Chris Brooks, Chair
   i. Attachment 281-8: May Committee Report
   ii. Attachment 281-16: Annual Committee Report

D. Staff Affairs – Jessica Allard, Chair
   i. Did not meet

E. University Advocacy – Kara Axx, Chair
   i. Attachment 281-12: May Committee Report

XII. INTERNAL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. Carolyn Sampson Memorial Scholarship Ad Hoc Committee - Stacey Howdeshell, Chair
   i. Attachment 281-11: Committee Report

B. Staff Awards - Nomination Review Ad Hoc Committee - Carrie Santoro, Chair
   i. Attachment 281-9: Committee Report

XIII. EXTERNAL STATEWIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS (written only)
A. Staff Alliance - Staff Health Care Committee – Lesli Walls, Rep; Stacey Howdeshell, Rep; David Bantz, Alt; Sue Mitchell, Alt
   i. Did not meet

B. Staff Alliance Compensation Working Group – Kathy Nava, Rep; Alda Norris, Rep
   i. Representatives did not submit a report

C. Staff Alliance Morale Committee - Lesli Walls, Rep; Jami Warrick, Rep
XIV. EXTERNAL UAF COMMITTEE REPORTS (written only)

A. Accreditation Steering Committee - On Hiatus

B. Chancellor’s Advisory Committee for the Naming of Campus Facilities - Jesse Atencio, Rep
   i. Did not meet

C. Chancellor’s Diversity Action Committee (CDAC) – On Hiatus

D. Chancellor’s Planning and Budget Committee - Nate Bauer, Rep; Samara Taber, Alt.
   i. See Officer’s Reports above

E. Employee Engagement Subcommittee - Kara Axx, Carrie Santoro, Lesli Walls, Jami Warrick
   i. Representatives did not submit a report

F. Fresh Air Campus Challenge Committee – Sue Mitchell, Alt - On Hiatus

G. Gender Inclusive Work Group - Mathew Mund, Rep, Chynna Sandgren, Alt
   i. Attachment 281-14: May Committee Report

H. Master Planning Committee (MPC) – Amanda Wall, Rep
   i. Attachment 281-13: May Committee Report

I. Meritorious Service Award Committee – Connie Huizenga, Rep
   i. Representative did not submit a report

J. People’s Endowment Board – Lena Krutikov
   i. Representative did not submit a report

K. RISE Board – Ian Olson, Rep
   i. Representative did not submit a report

L. Sustainability in Dining Committee - Mathew Mund, Rep
   i. Did not meet

M. Work Life Balance Committee - Inactive

XV. EXTERNAL UAF AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS (none)

XVI. 11:05 - 11:10  ANNOUNCEMENTS

XVII. 11:10 - 11:15  ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION (off the record)

XVIII. 11:15  ADJOURN
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Staff Council
Motion 2017-281-1
Draft

Motion 2017-281-1:
Motion to Ratify 2017-2018 Officer Election Results

MOTION:

UAF Staff Council moves to ratify the following election results for the offices of UAF Staff Council President and Vice President for 2017-2018:

President:

Vice President:

EFFECTIVE: June 1, 2017

RATIONALE: The Elections Committee has reviewed and certified these election results. The term for newly elected officers runs from June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018, in accordance with the UAF Staff Council Constitution and Bylaws.
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Staff Council
Motion 2017-281-2

DRAFT

Motion 2017-281-2:
Motion to Cancel Staff Council Meeting #282 – June 5, 2017

MOTION:
UAF Staff Council moves to cancel Staff Council Meeting #282, scheduled for June 5, 2017.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

RATIONALE: The June meeting was originally scheduled at a time when some staff will be off contract and unable to attend. Additionally, the Staff Council Office closes for the summer prior to the June meeting and will not be available to provide meeting support.
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Staff Council
Motion 2017-281-3
DRAFT

Motion 2017-281-3:
Motion to Transfer UAF Staff Council’s Authority to its Executive Board for Summer 2017

MOTION
UAF Staff Council moves to transfer Staff Council’s authority to its Executive Board until the next Staff Council meeting.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately following the adjournment of Staff Council Meeting #281, on May 1, 2017.

RATIONALE: Ensures Staff Council remains able to address issues during the summer of 2017, when no Staff Council meetings are scheduled.
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Staff Council
Resolution 2017-281-1
DRAFT
Resolution in Appreciation of Nate Bauer

WHEREAS, Nate Bauer has served as UAF Staff Council President (Dec. 2016 - May 2017); Vice President (Jun. 2015 - Dec. 2016), Executive Board Chair (Jun. 2015 - Dec. 2016), and University Advocacy Committee Chair; and

WHEREAS, During his time as a UAF Staff Council Officer, Nate also served as a member of UA Staff Alliance, chairing the organization for 2016-2017; and

WHEREAS, Nate has served as a strong advocate for UAF staff throughout the UA Strategic Pathways process, including his service on review committees and by creating opportunities for additional Staff Council feedback to be included as part of the review process; and

WHEREAS, Nate represented UAF Staff Council on numerous UAF committees, including the Chancellor’s Planning and Budget Committee, UAF Chancellor Search Committee, and the UAF Governance Coordinating Committee; and

WHEREAS, Nate has been steadfast in promoting the connections between UAF staff and our broader communities, and the value of service, through his instrumental role in the development and success of UAF Staff Council’s proposed Staff Volunteer Day. Nate has provided unwavering support of this proposed event during his time on UAF Staff Council; and

WHEREAS, Nate has provided thoughtful discussion and leadership on a variety of Staff and University issues throughout his many roles on Staff Council; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of Alaska Fairbanks Staff Council extends its gratitude to Nate Bauer in acknowledgement of his dedication to UAF staff.
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Staff Council
Resolution 2017-281-2

Resolution of Appreciation for Dana Thomas

WHEREAS, Dana Thomas has served as Interim Chancellor of the University of Alaska Fairbanks for academic year 2017-2018, and

WHEREAS, Dana came out of retirement to lead UAF, his alma mater, through a time in which the university faced difficult decisions due to severe budget reductions and extensive structural change associated with UA Strategic Pathways; and

WHEREAS, prior to his initial retirement from UA, Dana served as UA Vice President for Academic Affairs, during which time he oversaw UA System Governance. In this capacity, Dana was a strong supporter of governance throughout the university system; and

WHEREAS, Dana has been an advocate for Staff Council, and has supported our signature Staff Volunteer Day resolution, which our University Advocacy Committee has long been working to implement; and

WHEREAS, Dana has strived to consider feedback from all sources before making important decisions for the University, a process that is sometimes lengthy but provides the opportunity for people to express their viewpoints and feel like they were heard and that their opinions were valued; and

WHEREAS, Dana and his wife Kay are beloved members of the University and Greater Fairbanks communities, and have been tireless public advocates for UAF; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Staff Council of the University of Alaska Fairbanks hereby offers thanks and commendation to Dr. Dana Thomas for his many achievements and many forms of service, including Interim Chancellor, to UAF.

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Nate Bauer, President            Date
Committee: Elections Committee
Submitted By: Jessica Armstrong
Committee Chair(s): Jessica Armstrong and Stacey Howdesh
Meeting Date: 4/19/2017
  Present: Sue Mitchell, Jessica Armstrong, Stacey Howdeshell
  Excused:
  Absent:
  Guests: Nicole Dufour, Jennifer Kreinheder, Derek Bastille
Report:
We discussed the timing, which categories of employee data were needed and which data we should use for populating OrgSync for Fall elections. We decided that we will import both TKL and D-level into OrgSync and for Fall 2017 elections we will use TKL for the unit designation but for future elections we will transition to D-level because in PEAEMPL each person only has one unit designation which will eliminate someone from showing up in multiple Staff Council Units and because TKLs are eventually going to be phased out. We also decided to request live data from Derek in August instead of frozen data from PAIR because frozen data would be from May due to the timing of our elections. Derek also helped us identify some information we’ll need from OrgSync about importing the data. It was a very productive meeting!

Action Items / Follow Up:
Next Meeting   Date:    Time:
  Location:
  Meeting available by Google Hangout:
Committee: Membership & Rules Committee

Submitted By: Mathew Mund

Committee Chair(s): Mathew Mund

Meeting Date: 4/12/2017

Present: Mathew Mund (C), Kathleen Nava, Melissa Parks,

Excused: Wendy Rupe

Absent: Ellerea Miner, Chynna Sandgren

Guests:

Report:

Unit Review - Mathew will propose Unit Merge 4 &14, (possible 8 &10), Motion to Rename Unit 6 (SFOC to CFOS), Unit 3 Rename (SNRAS is now SNRE), T240 to Unit 10, T242 to unit 9, T170 to unit 3. What TKL is MAPTS (recently added to SNRE)Bylaw Review - Delay until Fall 2017 unless time allows. Bulted Minutes - Is the Communications Committee still taking this on? Defining At-Large Position - Write up what roles over Summer. New Member Orientation - M&R Committee will take lead. Devise plan in Fall. Ellare, Melissa. Governance Review per Nate’s request - Committee does not have any other thoughts. Found that seat on Board of Regents was best way to actually share governance. Alda Norris Email - addressed in action item 3. Unit 4 & 14 have no reps - Windy will contact to see if they want to appoint anyone to SCParliaMinute: What is a motion? A proposal by any one member for the consideration and action of the group that is meeting.

Action Items / Follow Up:

Next Meeting Date: 5/10/2017 Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Wood Center, Outside Dine 49

Meeting available by Google Hangout: YES
Committee: Rural Affairs Committee
Submitted By: Chris Brooks
Committee Chair(s): Chris Brooks
Meeting Date: 4/12/2017

Present: Chris Brooks, Chad Oleson
Excused: Kimberly Knudsen
Absent: Lena Krutikov
Guests: Nicole Dufour

Report:
1. Announcements: None

2. Unfinished Business/Updates:
   - Seward Marine Center (SMC) Crew leave, accrual and health insurance - Chris Brooks.
   - Wintermester/Summtermester access for rural campuses report - Chad Oleson and Lena Krutikov
   - Initiate Department Safety Coordinator Program at Rural Campuses - Kimberly Knudsen.
   - Nome Fiber Access – Update on delivery of high-speed access services.

3. New Business: None

4. Discussion Items:
   - Rural Campus/Facility funding - Chad Oleson
   - Rural Campus speakers discussion.

5. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 14:00 to 15:00

Committee Members:
Chris Brooks, Chair – christopher.brooks@alaska.edu (907)796-5442Chad Oleson - cdoleson@alaska.eduKimberly Knudsen - klamb1@alaska.eduLena Krutikov - lkrutikov@alaska.edu (907-474-6961)

Action Items / Follow Up:

Next Meeting Date: 5/10/2017 Time: 2:00 PM
Location: Google Hangouts
Meeting available by Google Hangout: YES
Committee:  Staff Award Nominations Review Committee
Submitted By:  Carrie Santoro
Committee Chair(s):  Carrie Santoro
Meeting Date:  3/30/2017

Present:  Kimberly Knudsen, Stacey Howdeshell, Carrie Santoro
Excused:  Melissa Campbell, Amanda Wall
Absent:  
Guests:  

Report:
Reviewed nominations, scored nominees and selected top three, and provided list and summaries of the three top nominees to System Governance for Chancellor's final selection.

Action Items  / Follow Up:
Next Meeting  
Date:  
Time:  
Location:  
Meeting available by Google Hangout:  NO
Memorandum

Date: April 18, 2017
To: Morgan Dufseth, System Governance Office Executive Officer
From: Daniel M. White, UA Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research
Re: Official Administration Request for Feedback on Strategic Pathways Phase 3

Please send the following request to the Faculty Alliance, Staff Alliance, Coalition of Student Leaders and System Governance Council.

*University Regulation 03.01., sub-part L2. Faculty, Staff and Student Governance Transmittal of Recommendations and Actions* outlines the procedure for administration to request action, feedback, or input from system governance. This section of the regulation specifically applies to requests for comment on “proposed policy and regulation revisions”. Although Strategic Pathways Phase 3 (SP3) is not a policy or regulation revision per se, we are seeking the input of system governance groups according to 03.01.L2 guidance. Please provide your comments on the options described in the SP3 reports that are on line at http://www.alaska.edu/pathways/phase-3/. In the spirit of regulation 03.01.L2, please send me your feedback within 30 days.

Thank you in advance. Please contact me if you have any questions.

cc: James R. Johnsen, UA President
Committee:  Ad Hoc Committee Carolyn Sampson Memorial Scholarship Committee
Submitted By:  Stacey Howdeshell
Committee Chair(s):  Stacey Howdeshell
Meeting Date:  2/24/2017

Present:  Jessica Armstrong, Stacey Howdeshell, Amanda Wall and Jami Warrick

Excused:

Absent:

Guests:

Report:
The Ad Hoc Scholarship Committee for the Carolyn Sampson Memorial Scholarship met on February 24, 2017 and determined the top three selections from the applicant pool. These names have been forwarded to the UAF Financial Aid Office for final review, approval and disbursement of funds. There will be no additional meeting of the committee.

Action Items / Follow Up:

Next Meeting  Date:  Time:

Location:

Meeting available by Google Hangout:
Committee: University Advocacy Committee

Submitted By: Kara Axx

Committee Chair(s):

Meeting Date: 4/11/2017

Present: Kara Axx, Alexander Chisum, Briana Pauling, Carrie Santoro, Jami Warrick, Lesli Walls, Susie Frei

Excused: Dean Ojala, Jr., John Smelter, Karina Gonzales

Absent:

Guests:

Report:

Bone Builders:
Committee is going to plan a food drive for the Bone Builders program that is managed by the Fairbanks Food Bank. The committee is going to plan event for the month of May and planning will happen over google communities. Lesli is going to follow up with Food Bank to see if they will do pickups, Carrie is going to work on the flier and Kara will start collecting boxes. Boxes will be decorated and placed strategically around campus to collect kid friendly easy prep meals.

Volunteer Day Update:
Michelle Bartlett is going to attend the May meeting to start discussion on planning, scheduled.

Mentoring/Online Forums:
Committee members are going to sign in to the Advocacy Google Community to start gaining familiarity to see if this will be the correct platform. Committee going to use to plan for the food drive.

Action Items / Follow Up:

Next Meeting Date: 5/9/2017 Time: 1:30 PM

Location: Murie Room 130

Meeting available by Google Hangout: YES
Committee: Master Planning Committee

Submitted By: Amanda Wall

Committee Chair(s):

Meeting Date: 4/6/2017

Present: Kara Axx, Kathleen Meckel, Kate Ripley, Ian Olson, Joshua Greenberg, Debby Queen, Jonathan Shambare, Amanda Wall, Nathan Belz

Excused:

Absent:

Guests: Cameron Wohlford, Design & Construction and Wade Albright, AK Satellite Facility

Report:

Guests submitted antenna placement request form for placement on top of the Reichardt Building for approval (approved). Wood Center roof color samples were presented. Power Plant tours should resume in May.

Action Items / Follow Up:

Next Meeting Date: 5/4/2017 Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Chancellor's Conference Room

Meeting available by Google Hangout: NO
Committee: UAF Gender Inclusive Work Group

Submitted By: Mathew Mund

Committee Chair(s): Mathew Mund

Meeting Date: 4/13/2017

Present: Mathew Mund

Excused:

Absent:

Guests:

Report:
• AA/EO Statement is waiting for BOR approval so Title IX language can be added. They are hoping to do this by June.

• Athletics is working in updating there Student Handboooko Planning on adding abridged NCAA Title IX bylaws to handbook. Supplied draft version to group for comment. Comment was made that further one-page notes of policy may be needed to help student understand and retain policy. Also need for general Title IX definitions and available resources in handbook or centralized on EEA website.

• Group clarifies travel memo – there is a need to fill gaps (such as resource contacts) and then sent out. No clear timeline to send out.

• Group has found a need to request the Chancellor to send out a memo with an inclusion statement to set cultural tone and define why we are making gender inclusive changes. This due to the withdrawal of the Department of Education gender inclusive guidance by the current presidential administration.

• University is moving forward with curriculum updates

• Facilities is moving forward to install separate shower stalls in Patty Center locker rooms.

Action Items / Follow Up:

Next Meeting Date: 6/8/2017 Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Signers Hall 330

Meeting available by Google Hangout: NO
UAF Staff Council Elections Committee  
AY16-17 Annual Report

Committee Members:

- Jessica Armstrong and Stacey Howdeshell, Co-Chairs
- Sue Mitchell
- Nicole Dufour (Secretary)

Purpose of Elections Committee:

- *Bylaws Section 5.III. Elections Committee*
  - a. The chairperson shall be elected from the committee members.
  - b. The committee shall have the following responsibilities
    1. Conduct elections for Unit Representatives, At-Large seats, Vice President, and President
  - c. Responsible for filling vacancies in units with no representation. The chairperson of the committee may establish subcommittees for specific issues.

Accomplishments throughout the Year:

- Previous committee (Brandi Moreno and Nicole Dufour) successfully held Fall Election for odd numbered units, currently there is only 1 vacant odd numbered seat
- A new Elections committee was formed in November with the resignation of Brandi in December
- Mid-term elections for Staff Council President and Vice-President

Pending Actions:

- Switching elections to OrSync, the student governance and club election software, and figuring out how to import staff before Fall elections for even units.
- May election of Staff Council Vice President and President
- Currently working with Membership and Rules to re-organize the Staff Council units to transition from TLK to D-level 4 because in PEAMPL each person only has a single D-level 4 designation and because TLKs are being phased out.
University of Alaska Fairbanks Rural Affairs Committee
2017 Annual Report

Committee Members

Chris Brooks, Chair – CFOS Juneau Fisheries
Chad Oleson – Northwest Campus
Kimberly Knudsen - UAF Fairbanks Campus
Lena Krutikov - UAF Fairbanks Campus

Meeting Schedule

Second Wednesday of each month 2:00PM – 3:00PM

Scope of Work

1. Oversee the general welfare of the UAF community not residing on the Fairbanks campus.
2. Monitor all activities affecting compliance with the College of Rural and Community Development mission statement of the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Agenda – Key Topics

- Nome Fiber Access – Following deployment of the Quintillion sub-sea fiber optic cable for high-speed Internet access at rural campuses.
- Rural Campus Speakers
  a) Jennifer Elhard - Facility and Administrative Manager, Seward Marine Center – Addressed issues concerning R/V Sikuliaq crew leave and contracts.
  b) Linda Joule - Director, Chukchi Campus – Reported issues arising from centralization of campus business office including impacts to services and timely payments to vendors.
- Summermester/Wintermester – Investigated access for staff at rural campuses.
- Rural Campus/Facility funding – Reported concerns about the impacts of budget cuts to rural campuses and facilities.
- Initiate Department Safety Coordinator Program – Investigated ways to coordinate safety programs with rural campuses and facilities.

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UAF Staff Council unanimously approved the following motion by electronic vote on April 4, 2017:

**Resolution 2017-280-E1:**
Resolution in Support of the Addition of Faculty and Staff Regents to the University of Alaska Board of Regents

WHEREAS, State of Alaska Statute AS 14.40.120, in combination with AS 14.40.130 codifies the composition of the University of Alaska Board of Regents to include a student Regent, but currently does not include any faculty or staff Regents; and

WHEREAS, many institutions of higher education, including public universities in the state of Kentucky and Washington’s Gonzaga University, include Staff Regent or Trustee designations, to positive and inclusive effect; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Cornell Higher Education Research Institute Survey of Faculty Trustees reveals that many universities have included faculty members in their governing boards; and

WHEREAS, the Cornell survey notes that “discussions of “best practices” for governing boards consistently cite improved relationships with university employee stakeholders as one of the characteristics of highly effective boards;” and

WHEREAS, several advantages of faculty and staff members of governing boards have been identified, including that a) these board members “come to appreciate better the challenges that the president and others face in leading the institution internally when complex issues are under discussion;” b) there is “shared information about board deliberations” and demystification of board processes; and c) board members “experienced in how things really work at the highest levels of deliberation is a valuable component of the broader faculty’s understanding of how issues are resolved at the board level.”

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1 'Faculty Members on Boards of Trustees: The 2012 Cornell Higher Education Research Institute Survey of Faculty Trustees' by Ronald G Ehrenberg, Richard Patterson, Andrew Key
WHEREAS, current faculty and staff of the University of Alaska possess a wealth of institutional knowledge and serve a vital role in promoting the health and well-being of our state’s universities; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the UAF Staff Council goes on record to support the modification of the State of Alaska Statute, as needed, to legislate the addition of, at least, one faculty member and one staff member to serve as voting members on the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

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Nate Bauer, President, UAF Staff Council      Date

April 5, 2017