

Committee: University Advocacy Committee

Submitted By: Kara Axx

Committee Chair(s): Kara Axx

Meeting Date: 5/9/2017

Present: Alexander Chisum, Carrie Santoro, John Smelter, Nicole Dufor

Excused: Dean Ojala, Susie Frei, Lesli Walls, Brianna Pauling, Jami Warrick

Absent:

Guests: Michelle Bartlett

Report:

Volunteer Day Update:

Michelle Bartlett attended meeting to help with discussion planning for UAF Staff Volunteer Day. It was suggested and agreed upon to start out small and work to larger events. The plan would be to select a day in the fall, somewhere near the Thanksgiving holiday. At this point UAC is thinking of working with the Fairbanks Food Bank for Thanksgiving holiday boxes. Carrie is going to reach out to the Food Bank to determine if there is a day that will work best. Carrie is also going to reach out to United Way of the Tanana Valley to discuss possible options for the future. We are planning to have about 20 UAF Staff participate, and will expand if we find a greater demand. When the fall event is successful a spring event may be added. When those are successful, other organizations will be contacted.

New Chair Selection:

Since Kara will be stepping down, Carrie has graciously offered to step up and fill the position. No committee members present opposed, so effective at the close of the meeting Carrie will be the Chair of Advocacy Committee. Congratulations Carrie!

Bone Builders:

Committee has placed boxes in strategic locations around the campus and advertised to the units and to all staff using the cornerstone and the staff council listserv. The Food Bank will pick up donations as scheduled by Lesli. Drive will run through the month of May.

Mentoring/Onli Forums:

Committee members have been using Google Communities to plan the food drive. The committee agrees that this will be a great platform to host the online forums. Carrie and Kara are going to set up test groups to expand to a wider test audience. Carrie is going to start a fiscal group and Kara is going to start a procurement group. Testing will take place over the summer. The committee will continue to discuss how to manage and make improvements, and hopefully be ready for a wider roll out in the fall of 2017.

Action Items / Follow Up:

Next Meeting Date: 6/13/2017 **Time:** 1:30 PM

Location: 130 Murie

Meeting available by Google Hangout: YES