

UAF STAFF COUNCIL
MINUTES #165
Friday, 14 October 2005
Face-to-face – No audio-conference
Wood Center Carol Brown Ballroom
8:45 – 11:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m.

PRESENT

Joyce Allen-Luopa
David Basham
Mary Pat Boger
Liam Forbes
Kathy Glowdowski
Faith Henry
*DeShana York

Angela Linn
Paula Long
*Nici Murawsky
Gary Newman
*Barbara Oleson
Maya Salganek

Jeff Stepp
Leah Swasey
Steve Tate
*Pam Twitchell

ABSENT

Joyce Alleyne-McCants
Annette Chism, excused absence
Cheryl Conner, excused absJoyce §.7(82TjT*1 TwGabrienet)5e Aneton

not prepared to enter a BA degree program. Council members commented on how selective admission might affect rural site students, how the community at large might perceive the change, and how it might reflect negatively on the University image.

Cigarette Sales at Wood Center – The Chancellor informally asked the Council the following: “My particular question that I want to ask this group,” and Jeff and Maya and I talked about it Monday, “what is the general...how many of you think...we ought to continue...just as an example, selling cigarettes right here in the Wood Center”. Chancellor Jones asked Council members to their hand, “If you think that we ought to continue to sell cigarettes in Wood Center.” Chancellor Jones commented after the vote,” that is nearly unanimous...that is unanimous”.

Note, that the Chair did not officially put the question on the agenda and officially call for a Council vote.

Tuition Waiver – The Chancellor gave statistics about the employee tuition waiver program relating to courses taken by employees, spouses, and dependents that are either completed successfully, failed, withdrawn from, and not completed.

3. OFFICER’S REPORTS

A. Maya Salganek, President, Staff Council

Wellness Program – Maya Salganek stated that at the 18 September Faculty Senate meeting, most of the faculty had no idea about the Wellness Program and the Chancellor and Provost also had not been informed.

College of Liberal Art’s Convocation – Maya Salganek stated that many of the staff members voiced their concerns about the Blue Cross identification number being used to gain access to the Wellness Program registration form -- rather than just creating a random access number for everyone.

Mixed Gender Representation – Maya Salganek reported that the Faculty Senate passed a motion to establish mixed gender representation on all Senate committees. Maya Salganek stated that she did not know if the Council wants to pass a similar motion or if we should enforce having male and female representation on all committees.

Budget - Maya Salganek stated that she attended the System Governance meeting where President Hamilton discussed the \$47 million dollar record budget request to the legislators. She stated that \$31 million dollars is to pay our five percent PERS/TRS, salary and staff benefits. The extra funds are going to capital improvement. President Hamilton talked about preparing for the next boom. There is a definite sense and push that the next pipeline is imminent, they are talking about a roll-out date of 2016. This year there is a \$1.5 billion surplus for the state due to the high cost of fuel.

System Governance – Maya Salganek stated that the System Governance draft policy document was not approved by President Hamilton and the General Counsel and needs to be rewritten.

Communications Specialist - Maya Salganek stated that Debbie Carter is the new communications specialist at statewide. This position was created to improve communication throughout all the MAUs. The other half of her job is to handle publicity at the University Relation’s statewide level.

Senior Tuition Waiver – Maya Salganek reported that the Board of Regents (BOR) passed the Senior Tuition Waiver, but that the eligible age will be changed to the social security benefited age. Seniors that are already taking advantage of the benefit are grandfathered in. President Mark Hamilton was advocating for fifty percent of the tuition to be paid by seniors and the BOR did not agree. The employee tuition waiver is now under review. One change that is being discussed is paying for courses that you do not complete or withdraw from. Maya Salganek asked Council members to get feed back from their unit constituents on this issue.

Supervisor Training - Maya Salganek stated that supervisor training was discussed at Staff Alliance. She stated that Jim Johnsen, Vice President, for Faculty and Staff Relations, relayed that he did not have the supervisor training program evaluated over the summer. The status of supervisor training is on hold until further notice is received from Jim Johnsen.

C. Staff Council Budget (handout)

Staff Council Budget - Maya Salganek shared with the Council members that the Staff Council Budget has rollover funds from 2005. She asked Staff Council committee chairs for ideas about how to go about spending the funds.

6. BREAK

7. NEW BUSINESS

ACTION

A. MOTION: Proposed Fall 2006-Spring 2007 Staff Council meeting schedule

Proposed Fall 2006-Spring 2007 Calendar Motion – Maya Salaganek called for discussion on the Staff Council proposed meeting schedule. Barbara Oleson stated that the March 16, 2007 proposed meeting date is during spring break. Lynette Washington will review the spring 2007 schedule to select another date. The motion was tabled.

B. Staff Council Representatives difficulty in attending meetings

Attending meetings – Maya Salganek stated that some representatives have problems attending meetings. Some representatives are paid on soft money, making it difficult to budget time to attend Council meetings. Gary Newman reminded the Council about the budget rollover funds available and suggested that some of this money may be used to help pay for those on soft money. Joyce Allen-Luopa recommended talking more with the Chancellor about his support for Staff Council.

8. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

A. Paul Layer, Faculty Senate President

Governance role – Paul Layer reported that at a recent retreat with President Hamilton and other administrators, Faculty Senate discussed and defended the role Governance groups play in university academic issues.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Staff Affairs, Liam Forbes

The report was attached to the agenda.

B. Rural Affairs, Barbara Oleson

The report was attached to the agenda.

C. Elections, Membership and Rules, Gary Newman

The report was attached to the agenda.

D. Advocacy Committee, Angela Linn

The reports were attached to the agenda.

E. Ad Hoc Committee on Work Place Ethics (WPE), Dorene Walrath

The report was attached to the agenda.

WPE Chair resignation – Maya Salganek reported that Dorene Walrath was forced to resign her position as Chair and as a member of Staff Council. She stated that Annette Chism will leave the committee in December. Joyce Allen-Luopa recommended that the name of the committee be changed, because what they are working on does not really involve work place ethics. It was recommended that a mission statement be created in order to be more focused.

F. Chancellor's Recognition Award Committee

Discussion about the Chancellor's Recognition Award rewrite draft Motion was tabled.

Committee Reports if available may be viewed at <http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov> University News Room Announcements – Please check for Staff Council Announcements: <http://www.uaf.edu/news/news.html>

10. EXTERNAL/OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Chancellor's Campus Diversity Action Committee (CCDAC)

Enrollment Policy – Jeff Stepp reported that the CCDAC discussed the proposed UAF enrollment policy changes. He stated that the committee discussed how the changes would affect rural students, housing, and transportation. There is concern about students at rural sites not being well prepared for the university. The committee discussed and strongly emphasized improving University advising and support services for students.

B. Governance Coordinating Committee – Maya Salganek

C. Master Planning Committee – Gary Newman

No report.

D. MPC Subcommittee on Circulation and Parking – Annette Chism

No report.

E. Strategic Plan Committee: Jackie Alleyne-McCants or Barbara Oleson

Strategic Plan – Barbara Oleson reported that the mission and core values for the plan are complete. The committee is currently working on seven different themes, goals and initiatives that will be developed from the themes. Council members were encouraged to send their input by December 30.

<http://www.uaf.edu/strategic/plans/2010/feedback/index.html>

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F. Chancellor's Budget Committee – Kim Cox

The report was attached to the agenda.

11. UAF COMMUNITY EVENTS