

MINUTES
UAF STAFF COUNCIL MEETING #180
8:30 a.m. -12 p.m.
Friday, 18 May 2007
Wood Center Carol Brown Ballroom

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mary Pat Boger
Julie Carpenter for
Nici Murawski
Liam Forbes
Martin Klein
Glyn Komkai

Ashley Monroe for
Holly Royce
Gary Newman
Alice Palen
Carol Shafford
Shaun Sowell

Juella Sparks
Jeff Stepp
Kayt Sunwood
Leah Swasey
*Pam Twitchell

ABSENT

Jackie Alleyne-Mccants
Sonja Bickford
Deborah Carlson
Nicole Conley

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Juella Sparks reported to Council members that the Bunnell House Review committee is beginning the process to appoint a committee advisory board that should be implemented by FY09. The proposed advisory board intends to include staff, faculty, students, and members of the Fairbanks' community. Juella was appointed to represent staff on the Bunnell House Review committee during the fall of 2006.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

4. GUESTS

A. Stephen B. Jones, UAF Chancellor.

Chancellor Jones reminded Council members of the heart walk scheduled Saturday, 19 May. He informed the Council that to date UAF has raised approximately \$38,000. Chancellor Jones commended the Council on the success of the UAF Staff Appreciation Day/Ice Cream Social event that took place on Thursday, May 17. Chancellor Jones updated the Council about the Cooperative Extensive Services issues; he stated that an external review team may be hired to come in to access the merger of the School Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences (SNRAS) and Cooperative Extension Services. The Chancellor stated that he was elated about Eric Drygas' appointment to the Board of Regents by Governor Palin; he encouraged the Council to invite Eric Drygas to a future Staff Council meeting. The Chancellor updated the Council about the latest legislative budget actions. Chancellor Jones stated that UAF enrollment numbers look good and we will see what they look like in the fall. He stated that we are having process difficulties. Chancellor Jones stated that the 2007 Commencement was excellent and is proud of the number of Ph.D. degrees that were awarded. The Chancellor was enthusiastic about the number of rural graduates and stated that in the rural communities the whole community celebrates the achievement of the individual. He stated that it is important to hold the graduation ceremonies at the rural sites as it enriches the experience of the graduates when conducted in their own communities.

Jeff Stepp asked what will be the impact on staff fixed costs. The Chancellor stated at this time is still uncertain, but that the impact to departments is very little. Liam Forbes asked about staff development and career opportunities and the efforts being made by the Vice Chancellor of Administrative services to enhance staff development categories. Liam asked would the Chancellor support the efforts. Chancellor Jones stated that he would reserve a specific answer until he sees what the plan looks like on paper. The Chancellor stated that nothing is more important than enabling our faculty and staff to be as good as they can be and that he worries about creating positions until he can see if it will generate net positive value.

B. Jim DeWitt, Parliamentary Procedure Workshop.

Jim DeWitt presented the parliamentary procedure workshop as scheduled.

5. GOVERNANCE REPORTS

A. Jon Genetti, President, Faculty Senate.

No report available.

ACTION

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Distribute ballot, nominate, and vote for President-Elect, Leah Swasey.

Jeff Stepp called for action to begin the President-Election process. Leah Swasey distributed the ballot. Jeff Stepp opened the floor to nominations. Leah Swasey stated that one nomination was received prior to the meeting for Juella Sparks. Shaun Sowell stated her interest in the position, but stated that it is not a good time for her to take on the task as her office is short staff. Alice Palin nominated Kelly Williams. Kelly Williams declined. Juella Sparks stated that there is a great deal of unknowns in her position with the Office of Cooperative Extension Services and that things might change a great deal six months from now, but that she accepted the nomination. Martin Klein called for the nominations to close; Gary Newman gave the second. After the ballot count it was determined that Juella Sparks was the UAF Staff Council President-Elect officer. Jeff Stepp thanked Juella Sparks and asked her if she would like to make any comments to the Council. Juella Sparks stated that she hopes to fulfill the Council's expectations and is looking forward to serving.

B. Resolution to ratify election.

Jeff Stepp called for the motion to certify the election. The UAF Staff Council passed the following motion at Staff Council meeting #180, Friday, 18 May 2007.

RESOLUTION: (Passed Unanimously)

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the UAF Staff Council ratifies the election of the President-Elect on the basis of the following ballot.

BALLOT PRESIDENT-ELECT UAF STAFF COUNCIL

Please vote for ONE individual to serve as the President-elect of the UAF Staff Council June 2007-June 2008 and then move into the Staff Council President position.

Write-in candidate

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C. Passing the Gavel.

Jeff Stepp informed Council members that instead of the gavel being passed on June 6 as originally scheduled, the gavel will be passed at today's meeting. Jeff asked for a show of hands from Council members to approve passing the gavel. All present agreed to pass the gavel. The gavel was passed from Jeff to each Council member to Kayt Sunwood. Jeff thanked Lynette Washington for being a vital resource to the UAF Staff Council and Gary Newman for his continuing support and help. Jeff thanked all of Council members that show up on a regular basis for helping to make UAF a better place. Jeff thanked former Council Presidents Maya Salganek for being a fierce advocate for staff and staff interest, Rory O'Neill, Paula Long, and Scott McCrea. Jeff Stepp stated that he intends to remain a resource to the UAF Staff Council. Kayt Sunwood thanked Jeff Stepp for his year of incredible service and all of his years of service to the university community.

INFORMATION

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Reminder: Saturday, 19 May 2007, Jeff Stepp.

Jeff Stepp reminded Council members about the Saturday, 19 May Heart Walk and stated that the schedule is attached to the agenda. Paula Long's fund raising skills netted over \$1,200 for the School of Education's Heart Walk Team.

B. Request Staff Council Officers and Committee Chair's Year-End Reports.

Jeff Stepp requested committee chairs to prepare 2007 year-end reports for the next Staff Council meeting scheduled Wednesday, June 6. Jeff Stepp stated that the reports are important for posterity and as a resource for future committees, especially to know about the different kinds of actions and issues that the committees worked on. Lynette Washington asked that the reports be forwarded to her at fystaff@uaf.edu by May 31, to attach to the Administrative committee meeting agenda.

8. BREAK

Jeff Stepp called for a ten minute break.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jeff Stepp reminded Council members that due to the Parliamentary Procedures workshop that all received committee reports, including external committee reports were attached, linked, or distributed as a handout.

A. Staff Affairs, Liam Forbes, the Staff Affairs April 24 meeting minutes may be accessed at the following link: <http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/staff/staffcom/affairs/minutes/20070327.html> .

B. Rural Affairs, Barbara Oleson.

C. Advocacy – Shaun Sowell.

No report available.

D. Elections, Membership, and Rules, Leah Swasey.

E. Ad Hoc Health and Wellness, Paula Long.

No report available.

Note: this is the correct/current UAF Governance Web link: www.uaf.edu/uafgov/staffcouncil.html
News Room – Check for Staff Council Announcements at: <http://www.uaf.edu/news/news.html>

10. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Chancellor's Campus Diversity Action Committee – Kayt Sunwood.

B. Master Planning Committee – Gary Newman.

Martin Klein reminded Council members about the parking decal renewal form that was recently sent out to all staff. Martin Klein asked that he be contacted if there are problems with completing the form. For more information contact Parking Services directly at 474-PARK or via e-mail fypark1@uaf.edu. The link below should take you directly to the parking renewal form. Please fill out the form online and print it. Be sure to sign the form and forward it to Parking Services: <http://www.uaf.edu/fs/documents/parking/parkingdecalrenewal.pdf>

Martin Klein asked Council members to send him suggestions about where the best place is to put parking kiosks on campus.

Gary Newman asked Martin Klein questions about the West Ridge parking lot. Martin Klein stated that funding for the project was tied in with funding for the BIOS building that did not get funded, so at this point a new funding plan has to be made the parking lot. Gary Newman updated Council members about MPC issues and projects.

C. Master Planning Subcommittee on Circulation and Parking – Katrina Paul

No report available.

D. Chancellor's Planning and Budget Committee – Kim Cox

No report available.

External committee reports will be attached or linked to the agenda if available.

11. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE WORKSHOP

A. Parliamentary Procedure Workshop, Jim DeWitt.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

A tape of this Staff Council meeting is available in the Governance Office, Room 312 Signers' Hall.

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