

of opportunities that were given to review the report to the Chancellor. She stated that the report is ready to hand to the Chancellor and it will be given to the Interim Chancellor Brian Rogers on June 12 at the Administrative committee meeting. Kayt Sunwood shared with Council members that the Council has been helpful in a big way with the success of the SkillSoft courses. Gary Newman asked what kind of usage has the online courses been getting. Kayt Sunwood stated that she has not heard any recent statistics about the current usage, but that Ann Sakumoto may be able to let us know in September. Gary Newman recommended that the Council remind staff about the courses during the summer months. Kayt Sunwood stated that the courses are now accessible on the Human Resources and MyUA sites. Kayt Sunwood stated that it looks like we are going to be successful in using the tuition waivers to take CPM courses. Kayt Sunwood reported that the Staff Affairs committee continues to work on a staff handbook and that Juella Spark's plans to put it together in an electronic form and that we will even push for a PDF. Kayt Sunwood stated that Juella Sparks has made implementing the mediation program a priority for the Chancellor's Diversity Action committee. Kayt Sunwood stated that Juella Sparks is a member of the Human Resources Senior Advisory redesign group and is in a lot of places that are important to us. Kayt Sunwood informed Council members that we are looking at the political action committee and looking into seeing if it is something we should have the Advocacy take a look at to see if it is something we want to do at UAF. We have had great successes on childcare and passed a resolution supporting funding to keep the Bunnell House open during the summer months. Kayt Sunwood stated that we haven't done any bureaucracy busting. Martin Klein commented that if we are going to give this report to Chancellor Jones and then to Interim Chancellor Chance passed a reslor

made statements about the importance of the development of Staff Council. Martin Klein stated that Kayt and Juella have laid a great foundation and he looks forward to working with Juella Sparks. Kayt Sunwood thanked Martin Klein for accepting the President-Elect officer position.

B. Resolution to Ratify Election, Katrina Paul.

After a brief discussion on the resolution Kayt Sunwood called for the vote.

The UAF Staff Council passed the following resolution at Staff Council meeting #189, Thursday, May 22, 2008.

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 July 2008-June 2009 and then move into the Staff Council President position July 2009-June 2010.

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Write-in candidate

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INFORMATION

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Administrative committee proposed summer meeting motion, Kayt Sunwood.

Kayt Sunwood called for discussion and explained the motion and encouraged Council members to attend the summer Administrative committee meetings.

The UAF Staff Council passed the following resolution at Staff Council meeting #189, Thursday, May 22, 2008.

MOTION: (passed unanimous)

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The UAF Staff Council moves to authorize the Administrative Committee to act on behalf of the Council on all matters within its purview, which may arise until the Council resumes deliberations in the fall of 2008. Representatives and Alternates will be kept informed of Administrative Committee meetings and will be encouraged to attend and participate in these meetings. The Administrative Committee reserves the right to convene emergency meetings of the entire UAF Staff Council during this period for action on issues it considers are more appropriately resolved by the entire body.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately upon Staff Council approval.

RATIONALE: The business of shared governance at UAF is not limited to an academic calendar, but rather is a year-round activity. The need to represent staff and be responsive to requests for staff input are as important during the summer months as they are during the academic year. In addition, a majority of the UAF Staff Council committees plan to conduct business from June to September 2008 and thus there is a need to support those activities and relay information to UAF staff at large.

B. Open discussion: Proposed motion to cancel Staff Council meeting #190 scheduled Wednesday, 4 June 2008.

After Kayt Sunwood called for discussion the motion was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The UAF Staff Council passed the following resolution at Staff Council meeting #189, Thursday, May 22, 2008.

MOTION: (passed unanimously)

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The UAF Staff Council Administrative committee moves to delete Staff Council meeting #190, scheduled Wednesday, 4 June 2008.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately upon Staff Council approval.

RATIONALE: There is no new business and unfinished business that requires the Council to meet during June 2008. If business arises that requires Council action during June, the Administrative committee intends to convene a meeting to handle any business and issues on behalf of the UAF Staff Council that may require action. Representatives and Alternates will be kept informed via email of Administrative Committee meetings and will be encouraged to attend and participate in these meetings.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Staff Affairs, Julie Carpenter.

The report was attached to the agenda.

B. Rural Affairs, Barbara Oleson, Rural Affairs, access meeting minutes at web link: <http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/staff/staffcom/rural/> or see May committee meeting minutes and year-end report attachments to email.

The committee year-end report and committee meeting

G. Statewide Healthcare Committee – Kayt Sunwood or Barbara Oleson.

The report was attached to the agenda.

10. PASS THE GAVEL

A. Kayt Sunwood’s closing remarks to the Council.

Kayt Sunwood gave her closing remarks to Council members stating that it was a privilege to serve this past year and thanked the Council members for the opportunity.

B. Gavel PASS: From current Council President Kayt Sunwood to current President-Elect Juella Sparks.

The gavel was passed by Kayt Sunwood outgoing President to Juella Sparks incoming President.

C. Juella Sparks, President.

Juella Sparks stated that it was an outstanding year working with Kayt Sunwood and thanked Council members for the opportunity to work with them.

11. STAFF COUNCIL PHOTO

A. Staff Council group photo.

The Council group assembled to take the 2008 Staff Council photo.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. to allow Council members of the Staff Appreciation Day and Advocacy committees and the Council Secretary to set-up for Staff Appreciation Day.

Tapes of this Staff Council meeting are available in the Governance Office, Room 312 Signers' Hall if anyone wishes to listen to the complete tapes, submitted by Lynette Washington, Staff Council Secretary.