

Minutes
UAF Staff Council Meeting #197
Wednesday 22 April 2009
8:45-11:00 a.m.
Wood Center Carol Brown Ballroom

Staff Council AudioConference Information: 800-893-8850 Chair PIN: 8244640 (only the chair or meeting convener uses this number). Participant PIN: 8244236

The next UAF Staff Council meeting is scheduled to meet: Tuesday, 12 May 2009, 8:00 a.m., in the Wood Center Carol Brown Ballroom.

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PRESENT

Suzie Baird
Holly Royce
Bryan Uher
Jill Dewey-Davidson
Kathy Petersen
Maria Russell
Jennifer Miller
Sharon Corbett
Travis Brinzow
Gary Newman

ABSENT

Brandon Meston
Julie Carpenter

EXCUSED ABSENCE

Barbara Paskvan
Jenny Day
Nici Murawsky
Katrina Paul

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Donna Resnick
Kayt Sunwood
Pips Veazy
Brad Havel
Jennifer Elhard
Marianne Freelong
Deb Hao
Chris Van Dyck
Carol Shafford

Juella Sparks
Martin Klein
Marsha Sousa

GUEST

Bob Shefchick , Executive Officer
Mike Humphrey, Director of Benefits

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4. GUEST(S)

A Bob Shefchik, Executive Officer

Bob Shefchik introduced himself as the new Executive Officer for UAF. His role is to act in the Chancellor's place when he is not available and handling cross Vice Chancellor affairs. His position is a term appointment and if at any time the Chancellor's Interim position ends, his position will no longer be required. McTaggart review interviews are starting Thursday afternoon. Staff Council is represented on the McTaggart advisory group. McTaggart's reports should be coming out late June. Bob is excited to see Staff Appreciation Day on May 11, 2009. See it change from an ice cream social to a development day. The power plant will shut down for a month for cleaning so energy use is going to go down. If there is any sustainability suggestions, please call Bob at extension 7489.

B. Mike Humphrey, Director of Benefits

Open enrollment is underway for healthcare changes from April 15 to May 15. Emails have been distributed as well as a CD with open enrollment information. There are two sets of forms available for staff benefits, one for enrollment and one for life events. Health insurance and employee rates for the last 3 years within the UA system have been conservative. Usually, the UA system goes through the overall cost of the benefits program. The projection for FY 10 was off and was on the high side. This resulted in an over collection and now the numbers are getting closer to target. The only major change to the

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Staff Appreciation Day Update

Maria said 220 people have registered so far, there is additional funding from the Chancellor and Staff Council to pull the program together. Registration closes April 24, 2009 at 5 PM. You must have a lunch ticket to get your free lunch. For registration there are individual packets available for each staff member. An email reminder needs to go out for food emphasis. Maria will talk to Nichole about this after the meeting. The registration can be accessed at http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/sc_appreciation.html

B. Call for Volunteers for Staff Appreciation Day

The list was distributed by Juella. Kayt Sunwood suggested members calling in should email Nichole.

C. Draft Annual Report to Chancellor

Juella opened the floor for suggestions on the draft Annual Report to the Chancellor. One suggestion was made from Mary Sue about more thoroughly explaining the Political Action Committee. This is the second Annual Report to the Chancellor.

D. First reading of amendments to bylaws

The bylaws have been revised. Brad made a motion to move with the first reading of the Staff Council bylaws. The next EMRs being held May 4, 2009 in the CCR and is open to taking suggestions about the changes. At the May meeting these changes will be permanently made. A motion was passed in favor of the first reading of the bylaws was passed. The changes made to the bylaws were the movement of content from bylaws to constitution to allow greater flexibility for UAF Staff Council to address issues in a timely and dynamic manner.

E. Discussion of at large membership

Brad is requested input for an at large membership instead of by unit. Resolution presentation for specifics is located on the UAF Staff Council website at <http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/staff/meetings/fy09meetings/index.html>. Juella asked for a vote for at large membership, a hybrid and no change at all. All those in favor to stay as voted 13, 2 abstain and 7 are for exploring other options. The Staff Council decided by vote to stay with the current representation process by unit.

F. Call for an Ad Hoc Communications Committee

Tabled until next meeting.

INFORMATION

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports tabled until next meeting.

- A. Staff Affairs, Mary Sue Dates
- B. Rural Affairs, Liz Recchia
- C. Elections, Membership and Rules, Brad Havel (Interim Chair)
- D. Advocacy Committee/Staff Appreciation Day Committee, Maria Russell

9. EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports tabled until next meeting.

- A. Master Planning Committee (MPC), Gary Newman
- B. Subcommittee on Parking and Circulation Committee (SCP), Katrina Paul
- C. Chancellor's Diversity Action Committee (CDAC), Juella Sparks
- D. Governance Coordinating Committee (GCC), Juella Sparks

Subject: FY2009 Official Announcement from the Election, Membership, and Rules Committee that the UAF Staff Council is accepting nominations for the President position

The UAF Staff Council's Election, Membership, and Rules Committee is accepting nominations for the President-Elect officer position. The President-Elect officer serves a one year term beginning July 1st of the current year to assist the President in advocacy and managing the business of staff governance. After one year, the President-Elect automatically ascends to the Staff Council President position for a subsequent one year term.

You DO NOT need to be a current member of Staff Council to seek this office, and you may nominate yourself. In order for any nomination to be accepted, the nominee's supervisor indicate approval and be prepared to release the nominee as needed to fulfill the duties of the officer role.

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