

ATTACHMENT # 2  
UAF STAFF COUNCIL #203  
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Here are President Jon Dehn's comments which he made at the December 7, 2009 Faculty Senate meeting (#163):

Excerpt from Minutes:

IV A. President's Comments – Jonathan Dehn

The Systemwide Governance Council met for the first time this academic year (representing all three MAUs). They elected their chair, Joe Hayes, director of the Alumni Association. This is the first year that the Alumni Association has been included on the Council.

The Faculty Alliance, representing the faculty of all three MAUs, has met and made two motions which have been presented to the Board of Regents. The first motion, passing unanimously, was to support one capital construction project in the university's budget, which is the Life Sciences Building.

They also met with interior legislators and they passed along the info about the motion supporting the Life Sciences Building project to them. The legislators were pleased to see the faculty from all three MAUs united together in this.

The second motion was to encourage progress on the Academic Master Plan. They requested a timeline of when the Faculty Senates and Faculty Alliance would be able to review a draft of the plan. They're still waiting for the feedback from that request, and are hoping to hear back by their next meeting (which is on Friday, Dec. 11).

Regarding the UA Presidential Search, Jon had compiled a list of 13 names suggested to him for people to serve, and has taken four names of people who fulfilled the position criteria to the committee. It's still too early to make the list of names public yet. A letter from System Governance Council is being drafted by Martin Klein and Jon, expressing their interest to see the shortlist of names to be submitted to the President (in hopes of having an opportunity to provide feedback) before it goes to the Board of Regents.

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