

INFORMATION

8. 10:15 – 10:35 NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Staff Council Motions/Resolutions of Support, Liam Forbes:

- A. Staff Council Proposed Motion of Support to the GCC Joint Committee on Student Success Motion, Attachment #2
- B. Staff Council Proposed Resolution Opposing the April 3rd Advisory Vote, Attachment #3
- C. Staff Council Proposed Resolution to name the Natural Science Facility the Paul B. Reichardt Building, Attachment #4

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9. 10:35 – 10:50 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Staff Affairs, Liam Forbes or designee, 27/ February/2007 committee meeting minutes are now posted on the Staff Council website at: www.uaf.edu/uafgov/staff/staffcom/affairs/
- B. Rural Affairs, Barbara Oleson, Attachment #5
- C. Advocacy – Jeff Stepp
- D. Elections, Membership, and Rules, Leah Swasey
- E. Ad Hoc Health and Wellness, Paula Long
- F. Ad Hoc Staff Appreciation Day, Lynette Washington
- G. Ad Hoc Staff Make Students Count, Lynette Washington

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. 10:50 - 10:55 EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Chancellor’s Campus Diversity Action Committee (CCDAC) – Maya Salganek
- B. Governance Coordinating Committee – Liam Forbes
- C. Master Planning Committee – Gary Newman, Attachment #6
- D. Master Planning Subcommittee on Circulation and Parking – Katrina Nelson Paul

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

11. 10:55 – 11:00 STAFF COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

12. ADJOURN

UAF Staff Council #178 Attachment #1
UAF Staff Council #178 – Friday, 23 March 2007
DRAFT: Short-Term Pres-Elect Ballot

RESOLUTION:

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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 **March 2007-June 2007** and then move into the Staff Council President position.

Whereas, such initiatives almost always result in richer learning opportunities for students when done collaboratively than when an individual unit develops them;

Therefore, be it resolved that, by March 1, 2007, the GCC will form a Joint Committee on Student Success comprised of interested administrators and campus leaders from ASUAF, Faculty Senate, and Staff Council that will demonstrate the importance of shared leadership and collaboration in the promotion and enhancement of student success at UAF.

UAF Staff Council #178 Attachment #3
UAF Staff Council #178 – Friday, 23 March 2007

UAF Staff Council Proposed Resolution Opposing the April 3rd Advisory Vote:

RESOLUTION
ON
April 3rd Advisory Vote

WHEREAS, The Constitution of Alaska states that “all persons are equal and entitled to equal rights, opportunities, and protection under the law” (Article 1, Section 1); and

WHEREAS, discrimination against faculty and staff on the basis of marital status and other statuses is expressly prohibited by the University of Alaska Board of Regents Statement of Non-discrimination; and

Whereas, the UAF Staff Council affirms the importance of complying with university non-discrimination policies as well as upholding our State’s Constitution; and

Whereas, the voters of Alaska on April 3, 2007, will decide whether to place a proposed Constitutional Amendment on the ballot in 2008 that would “prohibit the state, or a municipality or other subdivision of the state, from providing employment benefits to same-sex partners of public employees and to same-sex partners of public employee retirees”; and

WHEREAS, the Constitutional Amendment, if passed would render the Constitution internally inconsistent, simultaneously asserting and denying equal rights, opportunities and protection under the law; and

WHEREAS, the Constitutional Amendment, if passed, would compel the university to deny financially interdependent partners (FIPs) health insurance benefits, tuition waivers, faculty housing, library cards, and other opportunities and benefits currently offered other similarly situated persons under university policy; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned consequences would prohibit the university from complying with its own policies of non-discrimination as well as require the university to violate both the spirit and the letter of the Alaska Constitution as it was written; and

WHEREAS, the Staff Council affirms that providing insurance and other benefits to FIPs is a valuable way to recruit and retain excellent faculty and staff; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the UAF Staff Council is opposed to the April 3rd Advisory Vote and to any proposed Constitutional Amendment that would abridge the rights of faculty and staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the UAF Staff Council commends the University of Alaska statewide administration for its ongoing support of financially interdependent partner (FIPs) benefits.

UAF Staff Council #178 Attachment #4
UAF Staff Council #178 – Friday, 23 March 2007

RESOLUTION:

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***RESOLUTION TO NAME THE NATURAL SCIENCES FACILITY
THE
PAUL B. REICHARDT BUILDING***

WHEREAS, Paul Reichardt has served UAF in many roles for 35 years in a manner deserving of the University of Alaska’s greatest admiration and respect; and

Whereas, Paul Reichardt has served as Professor of Chemistry from 1972-1990; and

Whereas, Paul Reichardt has served as Dean of the College of Natural Science from 1990-1998; and

Whereas, Paul Reichardt was instrumental in planning the building of the Natural Sciences Facility and getting the funding from the State Legislature necessary for the furnishing of the Natural Sciences Facility; and

Whereas, Paul Reichardt served as Director of the Museum, 1993, and was very supportive of the UA Museum of the North’s expansion project and the fund raising campaign; and

Whereas, Paul Reichardt has served as Interim Provost, 1993, and from 1998 to present as Provost demonstrating a commitment to graduate and undergraduate education; and

WHEREAS, Paul Reichardt helped develop UAF 2005 and produced UAF’s Academic Development Plan that resulted in useful and practical guidelines for a variety of endeavors helping establish a basis by which decisions about programs, budget and space assignments are made and helps us to obtain state funding; and

WHEREAS, Paul Reichardt, while Provost, led significant UAF efforts resulting in 2006 institutional reaffirmation of accreditation with no subsequent reports, a relatively uncommon event among institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Paul Reichardt has served on various Statewide Committees, and other university committees representing the interests of UAF faculty to the administration of UAF and statewide; and

Whereas, Paul Reichardt has established the Academic Leadership Institute where faculty, staff and administrators spend time studying and talking about academic leadership; and

Whereas, Paul Reichardt has been one of UAF's most consistent and significant donors, donating

extremely limited. NWC stated that they do not

Revision of the Master Plan

The Master Plan is supposed to be looked at every 5 years to see if any revisions are needed. An adhoc group of MPC are starting to look at this.

DOT Bike Path

DOT received partial funding for developing a bike path along Yankovich and Miller Hill Roads all the way to UAF by the Experiment Station. Issues over the best route through the Experiment Station are being discussed, but probably won't get that far with the shortage in funding.

Surge Space

With the approval of the FY '07 capital budget came a number of remodel projects to fix code and maintenance issues. Some of those require vacation of the premises. Challenges abound in finding temporary homes for those displaced. The biggest one is probably the Art Dept. and also to some degree TVC.

Koyukuk Drive planting

Some more effort at planting will take place on a shoestring budget over the summer of 2007 between the West Ridge buildings.

BIOS

The Biological Sciences Bldg. lobbying effort for funding is on-going. There isn't enough steam heat or electricity on campus to provide for this, even if the Legislature provided the \$105 million. This leads me into the next issue. Despite no funding for construction, schematic designs are due April 13, 2007 and they are soliciting for a construction management company.

UAF Utility Development Plan

Recognizing the need for increased utility demand with new buildings into the future, UAF contracted out a Utility Development Plan to evaluate what we have, figure out what we need, and then recommend how to get it. At the bottom of the "Additional Publications" links at <http://www.uaf.edu/fs/presentations.html> in pdf format in 3 chunks. What caught my eye was a recommendation to build a 20 mw coal fired power plant for \$100 million at one of the lead climate change research institutions and coal is the worst CO2 pollutant of any considered fuel source. I also found the report deficient in not considering demand side reductions (conservation) and some other issues. Some research faculty members and myself brought this up to the Chancellor www.sfos.uaf.edu/support/gary/mpc/uaf-utilityplan-newman-to-jones.pdf, who has referred it back down his administrative chain. In talking with V-C Ro Bailey, they intend to reference some environmental studies that should have been noted in the report.

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