



UAF Governance

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Memo

To: Chancellor Dan White

From: Staff Council

Date: March 19th, 2018

Re: Professional Development "Brown Bag Lunch" Series

We are writing to request your support for the upcoming UAF Staff Professional Development Series, to be coordinated by the University Advocacy Committee (UAC). This series will serve to provide UAF staff with opportunities to learn more about topics of interest and develop professional skills that they can take back with them to their departments and perhaps into their personal lives.

The format of this series is as follows. UAC will immediately begin to gather topics of interest from UAF staff. The intent is that UAC will schedule sessions aligned with these interests for about three months out. The topics will be presented by either staff, faculty, or other individuals from the community during a lunch hour each month, and participants will be encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch with them. Presenters will donate their services, and no costs will be incurred for food or beverages. As the series will take place over the lunch hour, employees will not be "on the clock" while attending. The series will initially consist of twelve events each year, but sessions may be held more often as interest demands.

The initial session has been scheduled for April 10, 2018, and will be presented by Pips Veazey, Nicole Cundiff and Kelli Hite-McGee. Their topic will be a broad introduction to Crucial Conversations, with the intent that this topic will be revisited in varied ways in