

Classified Council

Agenda

Thursday, December 1, 2005
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
ADM 204
Access Number 1-800-519-1987
Meeting Number *1526331*
(for members outside of Anchorage only)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introduction of Members and Guests

Kim Stanford, President	Melodee Monson
Rebecca Jackson, Vice President	Lois Hall
Heidi King, Secretary	Jennifer Myrick
Sandra Barclay	Cheryl Page
Michelle Bearden	Tania Rowe
Megan Carlson	Forrest Schroeder-Einwiller
Audrey Jo Foster	Kathryn Smith
Jennifer Greene	Gabriella Leong
Kim Heidemann	Sherry Trumpower
Tara Koeckritz	Kristin Warren
Brenda Levesque	Cheryl Wright
Debbie Linn	Megan Zimplemann

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 - E. Campus Safety Committee
 - F. Sustainability
 - G. Ad Hoc Events Committee
 - H. Staff Training Ad Hoc Committee
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Old Business
 - A. Staff Council Concept
- VIII. New Business
 - A. UPD/Emergency Notification System (Chief Pittman)
 - B. Distributed Copier Services (DCS) – (Joe Howell)

- IX. Information Items and Adjournment
 - A. Governance Office Staffing Update
 - B. BOR December Agenda
<http://info.alaska.edu/bor/agendas/2005/051207agenda.html>
 - C. Provost Search
<http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academicaffairs/index.cfm>
 - D. Integrated Science Building editorial (attached pg. 7)

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Summary

Thursday, November 3, 2005
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
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X. Call to Order

XI. Introduction of Members and Guests

x	Kim Stanford, President	x	Debbie Linn
x	Rebecca Jackson, Vice President	x	Melodee Monson
x	Heidi King, Secretary		Lois Hall
x	Kristin Bagley	x	Jennifer Myrick
x	Sandra Barclay	x	Cheryl Page
	Michelle Bearden	x	Tania Rowe
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Guest: Steve Rollins

XII. Approval of Agenda (pg. 1-2)

Correction made to provost search website link. Approved unanimously as amended.

XIII. Approval of Summary – October 6, 2005 (pg. 3-5)

Approved unanimously.

XIV. New Business

Steve Rollins presented a Faculty Association legislative update, invited a Classified Council rep to attend meetings and provided Faculty Association website information.

XV. Reports

I. President

Attended PBAC, UAA Leadership Breakfast and Provost Search committee meetings.

J. Staff Alliance

President Hamilton rejected the Governance Regulation. The committee committed to working with Jim Johnsen on staff and supervisor training issues. Concerns about the abuse in the tuition waiver program, lack of promotion of wellness program, and the timing of grid adjustments and health care costs were discussed. Pete Kelly presented a legislative update to Staff Alliance.

K. University Assembly

Goals and objectives for 2005-06 were set. An improved governance communication plan was approved. Bob Kizer will be University Facilities Board rep.

L. Diversity Action Council

No report.

M. Campus Safety Committee

The committee has not met. Kim Stanford mentioned lighting concerns. Positive comments about the flashing crosswalk were discussed.

N. Sustainability

Brenda attended a telecast on sustainability lessons from the past which featured information from professionals, businesses and other campuses about what they had done to meet sustainability goals.

O. Ad Hoc Events Committee

Socks and Sandwiches will be replaced by a food and clothing drive.

P. Staff Training Ad Hoc Committee

No report yet. Committee members are Becky Jackson, Sandi Barclay, Melodee Monson and Debbie Linn. Their goal is to work with HR on staff training issues.

XVI. Public Comments

No comments.

XVII. Old Business

B. Staff Council Concept

No answers yet. Awaiting response from APT Council.

C. Community Campaign

Xio reported on what is new about this year's campaign. UBay launches on November 14 with new auction items. Special fund raising events are planned. Packets are available from Xio or a champion in each building.

XVIII. Information Items and Adjournment

D. Conciliation Services

Concerns were expressed that services may not be utilized because of the close association between the conciliation services and the administration. Use will be monitored closely. The services will also be discussed at Assembly.

B. Provost Search

Search committee met with search firm. Applications have been received. Committee may do initial interviews.

REPORTS TO CLASSIFIED COUNCIL, DECEMBER 2005
Prepared by Kim Stanford

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Attended PBAC and Provost Search Committee meetings
- Attended UAA Leadership Breakfast Series
- Classified Council officers attended regular meeting with Vice Chancellor Ejigu

STAFF ALLIANCE REPORT

Staff Alliance met November 8, 2005. Information and updates included:

- STAFF & SUPERVISOR TRAINING
Jim Johnsen noted that this is recognized as a priority issue systemwide. A Position Description (PD) has been developed for a SW Director of Training & Development. The PD is currently awaiting approval by SW Finance. Jeff Stepp from Staff Alliance will be included on the hiring committee.
- EMPLOYEE EDUCATION BENEFITS
Concern has been expressed both within and outside of the university regarding use (or abuse) of the employee tuition waiver program. Specific concerns include those who regularly register but do not complete the classes (due to withdrawal or failing). Jim Johnsen noted that this is seen as an important benefit and UA is not looking at any elimination of this benefit, only ways to better administer the program. Staff Alliance has acknowledged the need for UA to make sure we are using this benefit wisely and requested further data from Jim Johnsen prior to making any recommendations.
- WELLNESS PROGRAM
Participation appears to be going well regarding the Health Risk Assessment, based on initial feedback from Summex/Premera. The health care premium rebate is expected to be implemented in time for the December 23 pay for those who fill out the HRA.
- GOVERNANCE REGULATION
The Governance Regulation developed by a Staff Alliance Committee and approved by System Governance Council has been rejected by President Hamilton. The Staff Alliance Governance Regulation Ad-Hoc Committee (chaired by Kim Stanford) will reconvene and have discussions with Statewide representatives to work on the document. Pat Ivey (System Governance) will be forwarding the comments/concerns to Kim for distribution to the Committee.

UAA ASSEMBLY

UAA Assembly met November 10th (regular meeting)

- FACILITIES UPDATE
Cyndi Spear, Associate Vice Chancellor, Facilities & Campus Services, gave an update on the various facilities projects underway and in the planning process at UAA. She also gave an update on the Capital Budget proposal.
- ADVOCACY/LEGISLATIVE ACTION
Pete Kelly attended to talk to the group about the capital and operating budget proposals and encourage advocacy. The approach to the legislature is expected to be more aggressive this year.
- STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE
Will Jacobs presented an update on the UAA Strategic Plan. He has asked that a UAA Assembly focus group be scheduled for January for discussion.
- DECEMBER ASSEMBLY MEETING
Several members of Assembly will be absent for the December meeting date, including Kim Stanford. Assembly members were given the option of rescheduling the meeting, or keeping the meeting date, absent a few members, with Jan Vandever presiding. It was agreed that the meeting should take place as scheduled.

Top priority (Anchorage Daily News November 29, 2005)

New science building long overdue

Build it and they won't be left out.

Elaine Maimon, chancellor of the University of Alaska Anchorage, says the long-sought science building, called the Integrated Science Facility, is the school's top construction priority before the Alaska Legislature in 2006.

For good reason. UAA's biology and chemistry labs run 100 percent full, five days a week, 14 hours a day. Supply can't satisfy demand. On top of that, the facilities are decades old; the last major upgrades were done in the 1970s. That's so long ago, it was before Permanent Fund dividends. That's so long ago, Alaska had a personal income tax. That's so long ago, Frank Murkowski hadn't even started his 22-year career in the U.S. Senate.

Simply put, it's time to build.

Recruiting and retention of good faculty, opportunities for student and faculty research, facilities sufficient to meet National Science Foundation standards for grants, nursing and health science programs to meet Alaska's increasing demand -- all of these depend on a science facility built for the 21st century.

UAA has approval for about \$30 million for the project, through voter-approved bonding and a direct legislative appropriation this past session. That leaves \$55 million to get the \$85 million project done.

The Legislature should act next session, which starts in January, to provide the \$55 million. The payoff? A 130,000-square-foot building that will house classrooms and up-to-date lab facilities for astronomy, biology, biochemistry, chemistry, geology, physics and UAA's share of a five-state medical school program. The design will accommodate future remodeling and expansion and enough facilities to meet the demand for science instruction.

Further delay of the Integrated Science Facility -- which we hope eventually will have a better name, something less bureaucratic and more exciting -- only makes this excellent investment more expensive.

And there's no holding our ground here. With further delays, the university slides backward. Our best and brightest, whether Alaska-born or from elsewhere, whether students or teachers, will be sorely and rightly tempted to look elsewhere.

We've squandered too much time already. The Legislature should complete this investment, so UAA can complete a major step into the future. Yes, there is always a long list of needs for state funding, but this one belongs near the top.

BOTTOM LINE: \$55 million to make UAA's new science facility a reality deserves legislative support.