

Staff Alliance Feb 10

Present, Paloma, Pat, Juella,

Adopt the agenda as amended.

Update on UA Budget

Still in same funding position, having house finance subcommittee meetings last week and full house. Today had another house finance meeting on teacher education and k-12 outreach; meeting went well; another meeting on Thursday about the governor's budget vs the regents request. Meeting following Tuesday in the subcommittee; subcommittee closeout on Wed; full hfin closeout on February 24.

The governor's amended budget included supplemental utilities funding and a workers comp claim, ua pays first 300,000 and state has to pick up the rest. No action on the capital yet. Megan said one of the legislators she meets with is not favorable to compensation increases. Leg fin said that since we eliminated steps, it's not much of a talking point and don't need to talk about it. Jennifer Myrick asked how the economic stimulus package would impact us. Mainly on the capital side, renewal to facilities, and some research projects. This doesn't impact the operating budget. In the capital for example, the request for the Alaska region research vessel that is part of the stimulus package, stimulus package includes higher ed facilities. Also includes increases to the Pell Grant amounts. UAF's rural affairs is asking if Michele can do a budget update to all the campuses on March 6 at 1:30pm. Rural affairs committee of the staff council.

Public affairs produced advocacy packets for those going to Juneau.

Send packets to the members. Option is to go to the state relations web page. On left hand side of the packet are briefing sheets of operating and capital. Behind the capital are some briefing sheets on individual projects. As you are talking about fixed costs, use the term day to day costs. Kate discussed the briefing papers.

We are now getting about 60 percent of college bound high school students coming to UA.

Megan asked about splitting out the appropriation into six appropriations. The governor submittee a single appropriation budget. There isn't a lot of discussion right now but we need to keep the single appropriation. It would be very helpful to advocate for the single appropriation. In a time of limited resources, why should we give money to UA, why don't we give it to k12. Industry spends 1.4 billion per year in non-residential salaries...\$1.4 billion goes out of state because we don't have the trained workers.

Main talking points in the advocacy package. The facts not fiction piece is very helpful to review so when people through out the cocktail one liners.

We are still waiting for some of the land. The k12 problem is everyone's problem.

Heather: in some of comments made by legislators, sex crazed oil haters and other claims...megan sent out the link to heather, heather sent it to pat (????) re hfin subcommittee, anna relayed an anecdotal experience, Hamilton said there is no litmus test and he wasn't going to tell faculty and staff what to do and hearing different opinions is good. It showed up in Chronicle and inside higher ed et al. (get links).

Do you think that the legislature will keep up the hype to confuse and distract...depends on what's going on. If slow day, then maybe. If something better comes along, it will die.

RULE; BE MINDFUL OF WHY YOU CAME DOWN; STICK TO MESSAGE; DON'T BRING UP PERSONAL OPINIONS (IE GUN CONTROL), Jennifer Myrick was a legislative aide in 2003. It is really important to hear people's stories, your role in the university and why you are advocating for it.

Page 4 of the red book shows where ua gets their money.

Add tuition history to the advocacy packets. UA funded 42 percent general fund.

Adjourned at 1:50pm