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Date: September 29, 2017  
To: President James Johnsen  
University of Alaska  
  
From: Faculty Alliance Chair Lisa Hoferkamp  
  
Subject: Faculty Representation

Thank you for the email response (September 19, 2017) to Faculty Alliance requests from the August 20-21, 2017 Faculty Alliance retreat and subsequent conversations aimed at clarifying intent. Among the items addressed in those conversations was faculty representation on newly formed statewide councils and this letter is an effort to document what was agreed upon.

Faculty representation on the Academic Council will mirror that of the former Statewide Academic Council, i.e. the current Faculty Alliance Chair, the Faculty Alliance Chair-elect and the upcoming Faculty Alliance Chair-elect once removed. For AY18, these positions are held by myself, Chris Fallen and Maria Williams respectively. Prior to reinstatement of these shared governance representatives to the Academic Council, UAA Faculty Senate President Sharon Chamard, UAF Faculty Senate President Chris Fallen and UAS Faculty Senate President Megan Buzby were appointed to the VPASA Search Committee. The Faculty Alliance asks that these individuals retain those committee assignments.

Historically the Faculty Alliance chair has provided faculty representation on the Statewide Information Technology Committee and the consensus of the Faculty Alliance is for that to remain unchanged. For AY18, I will serve on the Information Technology Council.

One faculty representative from each university will serve on the Research Council. The names of representatives from UAA, UAF and UAS for the Research Council will be provided as soon as possible.

Regarding faculty representation on the remaining system-wide councils, including Student Services, Human Resources Finance/Admin/Lands/Facilities, Development, University Relations, Institutional Research and Community Campus Directors, the Faculty Alliance is in the process of identifying faculty for service. A list of those able to serve is forthcoming. Given the specific charge and focus of each of these remaining councils, the Faculty Alliance would like to revisit these council appointments in discussions with the UA President at the August 2018 Faculty Alliance Retreat. It would be much appreciated if you would provide assurances concerning that future conversation.

The Faculty Alliance looks forward to working with the system-wide councils, particularly if they can become a more efficient way for our three universities and statewide to exchange best practices, collaborate, and work together to solve the problems that concern us all.

Respectfully,

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Chair, Faculty Alliance