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Minutes

**Staff Alliance**

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

[Zoom Recording and Audio Transcript](#)

Voting Members:

Mathew Mund, President, UAF Staff Council; Chair, Staff Alliance

John Moore, Co-President, UAA Staff Council; Vice Chair, Staff Alliance

David Felts, President, UAS Staff Council

Kate Govaars, Vice President, UAS Staff Council

Lauren Hartman, Vice President, SW Administration Assembly

Ronnie Houchin, Vice President, UAF Staff Council

Dawn Humenik, Co-President, UAA Staff Council

Josh Watts, President, SW Administration Assembly

Staff:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Adopt Agenda  
Members reviewed the agenda and had no changes or objections to it as presented.
3. Approve [May 5 Minutes](#)  
Lauren moved to approve as presented, seconded by Josh. No objections from other members.
4. Public and Guest Comments  
Morgan rambled on at length at different mechanisms for public and/or guest comments. Mathew noted UAF has a public comment form for staff to give feedback or ask questions that are then read at staff council meetings. He asked members if they had any objections to including a feedback form on a message to all UA staff; after some discussion, Mathew noted he would continue this discussion via email.

5. Chair's Report Mathew Mund
- 5.1. UGF - Mathew noted there was a draft resolution at the System Governance Council that requested a review and recalculation of the UGF distribution. Mathew noted he wasn't sure of the history of this conversation but he offered to share communications that come through with any interested Staff Alliance members.
  - 5.2. Conflicting - Transformation/Budget - Mathew reported it appears the president's perspective on transformation is evolving as budget and pandemic issues unfold;
  - 5.3. UA IMT - Mathew noted he has been attending SW IMT meetings; UA is moving slower on lifting restrictions on
  - 5.4. JHCC - met recently and Mathew noted he brought up hearing benefits at the request of a plan member; JHCC reviewed the hearing benefits and voted to up the benefit from \$400 to \$3000 and then also added annual hearing checks to preventative benefits
  - 5.5. Summit Team
  - 5.6. Shared Governance - SGC - Mathew noted the president has started trying to interact with the Council although that is problematic over the summer since faculty and students are not as available as during the school year; also noted he thought of the Council as more of a coordinating body rather than being representative of the component groups (Faculty Alliance, Staff Alliance, Coalition of Student Leaders)
  - 5.7. Meeting w/Johnsen - Mathew and John met with the president and continued to express concerns of timeline and rushing decisions; they also discussed the imbalance of executives;
  - 5.8. All staff email - Mathew plans to send a message to all UA staff in the near future
6. Legislative Update
- 6.1. [Capitol Report](#)
  - 6.2. [HR Update](#)
7. Staff Council Reports
- 7.1. UAA
  - 7.2. UAF
  - 7.3. UAS
  - 7.4. SAA
8. Ongoing Business
- 8.1. Academic Program Reviews - [Documents for ASA Review/Recommendation](#)
    - 8.1.1. [May 28 Regular ASA Committee](#)
    - 8.1.2. June 3-4 Full Board Meeting
  - 8.2. Administrative Program Reviews - [Documents on Reductions](#)

- 8.2.1. [May 29 Audit Committee](#)
- 8.2.2. June 3-4 Full Board Meeting
- 8.3. COVID19 and Self-Quarantine Update (if any)

9. New Business

- 9.1. [Opportunities for Governance Input](#) - Morgan noted the president had requested she compile a list of all recent opportunities for governance to give feedback on the program review process.
- 9.2. [New website - Transformative Solutions](#) - Members discussed the president's recent request for feedback, as well as the process for determining the transformative options
- 9.3. [May 29 BOR Governance Committee](#)
- 9.4. SGC Statement - see Heather's email

10. Roundtable discussion

11. Agenda Items for June 2 Meeting

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.