Minutes
Staff Alliance
Friday, October 9, 2020
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Zoom Recording and Audio Transcript

Voting Members:
Mathew Mund, President, UAF Staff Council; Chair, Staff Alliance
Mae Delcastillo, Vice President, UAS Staff Council
Linda Hall, Vice President, SW Administration Assembly
Lauren Hartman, President, SW Administration Assembly
Ronnie Houchin, Vice President, UAF Staff Council
Dawn Humenik, Co-President, UAA Staff Council
Eric Lingle, President, UAS Staff Council
Tania Rowe, Co-President, UAA Staff Council

Staff:
Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
   The meeting came to order at 1 p.m. and quorum was met.

2. Adopt Agenda
   Dawn moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Linda. There were no additions or objections.

3. Member Introductions

4. Guest and Public Comments
   4.1. None given

5. Chair’s Report
   Mathew Mund
Mathew noted he met with VP Rizk and talked about space use and staff morale. For space use, he asked about the possibility of workspaces--non-designated spaces that staff could use if they needed (e.g. if their home work space was unavailable).

6. Orientation - Morgan led a discussion on the constitution and bylaws and encouraged members to review them and suggest updates. She agreed to share a Google doc for shared comments/edit suggestions.

6.1. Staff Alliance Constitution and Bylaws
   6.1.1. Last updated December 2015
6.2. Governance Structure - Members engaged in a discussion on the structure of governance at UA and how each group operates internally, with each other, and with the administration and Board of Regents.

   6.2.1. Staff - staff councils and the Staff Alliance
   6.2.2. Faculty - faculty senates and the Faculty Alliance
   6.2.3. Students - student governments and the Coalition of Student Leaders
   6.2.4. System Governance Council

7. New Business

7.1. Chair and Vice Chair Elections - Dawn nominated Mathew and he accepted. There were no further nominations and so Mathew was elected chair. Dawn nominated Lauren, however, she declined due to workload commitments. Lauren nominated Dawn and she accepted. There were no further nominations and so Dawn was elected vice chair.

   7.1.1. Duties - see page 6 of Bylaws

7.2. Questions from President Pitney - Members discussed the questions President Pitney posed.

   7.2.1. Mathew’s 10/6 email

7.3. Spoke Feedback

   7.3.1. Steve Patin will be invited to the Oct. 30 meeting to discuss further

8. Ongoing Business

8.1. Approval of FY21 Meeting Schedule - No objections were given at the meeting but Morgan agreed to follow up on email before sending out calendar invites.

   8.1.1. Proposed schedule: second Wednesday of the month from 1-3pm
   8.1.2. 2020-21 meeting schedule if approved:
           November 4 (actually the first Wednesday but it looked like a better day)
           December 9
           January 13
           February 10
           March 10
8.2. Administrative Review - no new updates on process or timeline
   8.2.1. University and SW senior leadership positions
   8.2.2. SW administrative positions
   8.2.3. Summit Team and system council structure
8.3. Discussion on Staff Voice - Chronicle of Higher Ed article - as a jumping off point for the next meeting’s discussion on committees and goals/objectives

9. Staff Council Reports - if you have any updates since last week
   9.1. UAA
   9.2. UAF
   9.3. UAS
   9.4. SAA

10. Reports
    10.1. HR Updates
    10.2. Legislative Updates
        10.2.1. Partisan Political Activities - Sept. 9, 2020 memo from UA General Counsel
        10.2.2. Upcoming Elections - Division of Elections website
    10.3. September Board of Regents Recap
        10.3.1. Agenda and Recording

11. Roundtable discussion

12. Agenda Items for October 30 Meeting
    12.1. Steve Patin - Spoke Discussion
    12.2. Staff Alliance committees and committee membership
    12.3. FY21 Goals and Objectives
    12.4. Constitution/Bylaw Update Discussion

13. Adjourn
    The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

14. Announcements
    14.1. Title IX Staff Training - Deadline extended to Oct. 31
    14.2. Upcoming BOR Meetings
        14.2.1. Public Testimony - Oct. 26 - 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
14.2.2. Oct. 29-30 Academic and Student Affairs, Facilities and Land Management, and Audit Committees
14.2.3. Nov. 5-6 Full Board
14.3. Upcoming state and national elections
   14.3.1. October 4 - voter registration deadline
   14.3.2. October 19 - Early, absentee in-person and special needs voting begins.
   14.3.3. October 24 - Deadline to apply for an absentee by-mail ballot
   14.3.4. November 2 - Deadline to apply for a ballot by electronic transmission (5:00pm)
   14.3.5. November 3 - General Election Day - Polls open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm