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Statewide Administration Assembly
Highlights
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Fresh Air Committee

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Alaska Tobacco Prevention and Control Program, and the Interior Coalition of Tobacco Free Advocates invited UAF to participate in a Fresh Air Campus Challenge. The challenge encourages college campuses in AK, OR, ID and WA to pursue 100% smoke-free and tobacco-free policies by 2016.

Chancellor Rogers formed a UAF Fresh Air Committee (FACC) to acquire input. The committee is co-chaired by UAF Human Resources Director Brad Lobland and Associate Vice Chancellor Kris Racina, with collaboration from Michelle Rizk, Associate Vice President, and Erik Seasteadt, Chief Human Resources Officer. Tina Holland and Olivia Baker have volunteered to represent SAA on this committee.

Current Affairs Committee - Proposed Furlough Policy Discussion

A coffee with Erik Seastedt is set for August 27 to discuss and receive more information on the proposed furlough policy. More information will be forthcoming.

University Values/Code of Ethics Update

SAA drafted a University Values Statement to share with Staff Alliance. Staff Alliance will gather input from the other campuses. This second draft will be presented back to staff for a final review before going to the System Governance Council for student, faculty and alumni review. SAA would like to see these value statements formulated by staff rather than from top down. The statements are NOT a punitive code of conduct listing behaviors that anyone with common sense knows are unacceptable in a professional organization. It is not a limit on academic freedom, free speech, and self-expression. Right now, it is a goal established by the Statewide Administration Assembly to unify staff and faculty throughout the system; clarify expectations for conduct; improve our image within and outside this institution; and foremost, improve the culture of the university so that we provide excellent service to our students and ultimately the state.