SAA Highlights

March 12 meeting overview

The Statewide Administration Assembly last held its monthly meeting on Mar. 12. The following is an overview of the meeting. The next SAA meeting will be Wednesday, Apr. 9, at 10 a.m. All meetings are open to the public, and statewide workers are encouraged to contact their governance group to address workplace concerns, policies, and other matters affecting statewide staff. If you have any questions please contact SAA president Dory Straight at dsstraight@alaska.edu.

Hotline Update

Internal Audit has announced that EthicsPoint has won the contract to administer the hotline. The hotline is for reporting financial waste, fraud and abuse, ethical misconduct issues, athletics compliance, HR and/or other issues. There is a toll free number with an online reporting component provided as part of the service. Reporting may be done anonymously. The hotline should be up and running before the end of the fiscal year. Names were suggested on what to name the hotline website.

Staff Health Care Committee

The proposed FY15 premiums and discounts were shared. The premiums will be slightly higher, but there will be a $600.00 annual rebate offered for covered employees and spouses/FIPs who complete the Healthy Roads survey and provide current biometrics screening information. Quest Diagnostics has been selected to conduct biometrics for the health care discount. Quest has locations in Anchorage and Fairbanks. All measurements need to be sent to Healthy Roads by June 30, 2014.

FY 15 plan changes for the 750 and the HDHP include a family out of pocket maximum of $1,700.00 for pharmaceutical; previously these plans did not have a pharmaceutical out-of-pocket maximum. These changes were made to comply with the Affordable Care Act. Other changes that were made to comply with the Affordable Care Act is that no there is no longer any preexisting condition exclusions and the CDHP and HDHP plans have increased the preventative dental care benefit from 80% to 100%. Furthermore, employees may opt-out of the vision and dental coverage; however it will not decrease their premium.