Statewide Administration Assembly

Highlights

August 14, 2013

The following is an overview of the meeting. 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 dory.straight@alaska.edu.

The next SAA meeting will be Wednesday, September 11, at 10 a.m.

Budget

Report by Michelle Rizk - The proposed FY15 budget is being composed now. The governor sent guidelines calling for a flat budget, meaning no increases over last year.

Each of the UA universities presented their priorities to the President Gamble at a meeting on August 8th. To view these priorities and other considerations, go to: http://www.alaska.edu/swbir/budget/budget_planning/meetingsfy15maumtgs/index.xml. The next steps going forward include, prioritizing requests, forwarding a preliminary budget to the UA Board of Regents, then sending a board approved budget to the Governor's Office. The FY15 staff compensation increase is still in discussion and has not been determined.

Shaping Alaska's Future

Shaping Alaska's Future, formally known as SDI, is in now in phase III, the action phase. From November to April, initiatives will be rolled out based on determinations made during the October meeting. Employees may volunteer for initiatives and/or may be called upon to participate in some.

Smoke-Free/Tobacco-Free Campus

Students approached UAA to move to a smoke-free/tobacco-free campus. In April, a group of students testified before the board of regents in favor of the issue. In June, another group of UAA students testified to the board against it. The original group, with the aid of some faculty, went to Chancellor Case to request that UAA become smoke-free/tobacco-free. The goal is to have the Anchorage campus smoke-free/tobacco-free by 2014 and the rural campuses smoke-free/tobacco-free by 2016. President Gamble requested feedback from all of the governance groups on this topic.

Health Care

Healthyroads is the selection to be the next provider of the wellness program. Administration encourages employees to look at the Healthyroads website to become familiar with the offerings, www.healthyroads.com. Similar onsite services like WIN For Alaska are expected to continue with Healthyroads, along with some expanded coaching and online services. The new program is also open to spouses and partners.

UA now offers a discount program for hearing aids through EPIC. You should be receiving information in the mail on the program.

Performance Evaluation

SAA still seeks feedback on the proposed performance evaluation form. A sub-committee was established to review the form and process, gather feedback, and shape constructive suggestions to President Gamble. Please visit SAA's homepage to participate in our survey: http://www.alaska.edu/governance/saa/performance-evaluation/