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**Minutes**

B.

We will not have an ASUAF Report; Mari Freitag was unable to attend the Staff Council meeting today.

6. GUEST(S)

A. Brian Rogers, UAF Chancellor

Chancellor Rogers is excited about the 2011 Summer Activities. We have more than 20 summer programs that bring high school and junior high school students to the campus, getting them interested and excited about attending UAF.

There will be a lot of construction going on this summer causing some disruptions. The good news is that we are addressing some long standing facilities needs this summer. The Life Sciences, the Greenhouse, the Energy Technology Facility all under construction and off campus, the R/V Sikuliaq, construction is moving very quickly. And over the next decade we will have a significant amount of deferred maintenance taking place on the West Ridge. We are also moving forward with the permitting on the combined heat and power plant.

The challenges in the coming year will be the impact of the healthcare costs for our employees beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. How do we moderate the healthcare cost inflation so that we don't continually shift the cost to the employee? The second challenge will be compensation in general; with the legislature now funding 50% instead of 60% we will have to raise revenue or reallocate. The third challenge is deferred maintenance; the president wants to proceed with issuing bonds for deferred maintenance; the challenge with that is that we would have to make internal cuts to pay for the debt service on those bonds.

The good news is that our enrollment for the fall is up. We are doing the outdoor education center with ice climbing and a snowboard training park and other activities, trying to create some buzz that also draws students. We are looking at privately funded new student housing. We are working on a pilot project with the Cold Climate Research Center to build student housing on a piece of permafrost for research.

The floor was opened for questions and healthcare cost issues was discussed at length. There were sugge

Pat does not foresee any additional pullbacks this fiscal year. The major pullback last year fixed some of our huge structural deficits and the things we had been dealing with for years. We are now in a solid fiscal position.

Pat answered other questions submitted by the Staff Council.

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Staff Affairs, Megan Hoffman & Naomi Horne  
Staff Affairs did not meet this month.

B. Rural Affairs, Brad Krick  
The Rural Affairs final meeting for this fiscal year was held in May and the next scheduled meeting will be held in September.

C. Elections, Membership, and Rules, Walker Wheeler  
EMR held one meeting since our last Staff Council meeting to discuss the question of whether or not the Staff Council membership want to allow non UAF staff members to serve as president or vice president. We would like to put the question to the council; do we want to clarify the constitution or by-laws to specify that Statewide OIT Staff Council members cannot serve as president or vice-president of Staff Council. Discussion followed. An informal vote was taken after much discussion and the decision was 19 votes to clarify the by-laws stating OIT Staff Council members cannot serve as president or vice-president and 5 votes opposed.

D. Advocacy Committee, Jodi Baxter  
We have not held a meeting this month. We will have tours and Brown Bag lunches coming up in July and August.

## 8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Running for Vice President is Ashley Munro, Jodi Baxter and Juella Sparks.  
Ashley and Jodi each gave a campaign speech. Juella Sparks sent her written speech because she was unable to attend due to other obligations. It was read aloud at our Staff Council meeting by Walker Wheeler.

The floor was opened for additional vice presidential nominations. No nominations were forthcoming and the floor was closed for vice president.

There was one candidate running for President and that was Pips Veazey.  
Pips gave her campaign speech.

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Ballots were handed out, the vote was taken and the EMR Staff left the meeting to tally the votes.

9. *ad hoc* COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Staff Appreciation Day Committee & Longevity Awards,  
Ashley Munro & Amy Bristor  
The Staff Appreciation Day was a success. Amy, Ashley and Maria will be meeting over the summer. The Chancellor has asked for a Staff Appreciation Day report and there will be some changes for the future.
- B. Staff Make Students Count Committee  
The award was presented to Jerry Phillips. He was presented with the award by President Gamble at the Board of Regents meeting in Anchorage.
- C. Staff Council Recognition Award Committee  
The award was presented to Juella Sparks. It was presented to her at the Longevity Ceremony on Staff Appreciation Day by Maria Russell.

10. UAF EXTERNAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Master Planning Committee (MPC), Gary Newman  
Gary was unable to attend the last meeting. Notes will be posted on line.
- B. Parking Advisory committee (PAC), Shawn Houston  
Shawn is not present today but the committee will not meet until the fall.
- C. Chancellor's Diversity Action Committee (CDAC),  
Juella Sparks  
The Campus Climate Survey data analysis will be ready by the end of the summer. CDAC has forwarded recommendations to the Chancellor for the EEO officer as well as a Diversity Officer. Earlina Bowden will retire as of September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- D. Student Recreation Center Board (SRCB), Carol Shafford  
SRC Board has not met. Carol talked to Eric Ofelt, the Student Recreation Center name will be changing as well as structural changes.
- E. Chancellor's Planning and Budget Committee, Juella Sparks  
There is no report at this time.
- F. Chancellor's Advisory Committee for the Naming of Campus Facilities,  
Maria Russell  
Chancellor's Advisory Committee meeting was postponed until July.
- G. Accreditation Steering Committee, Kayt Sunwood  
Most of the Accreditation Steering Committee Reports are up on the web and we ask that you review the reports and send us your comments.
- H. Meritorious Award Committee, Maria Russell
- I. Technology Advisory Board Committee (TAB), Brad Havel  
Brad had to leave the Staff Council meeting early. There is not a TAB Report.

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Attachment 1

Elections, Membership and Rules Committee meeting  
6/14/2011 Meeting Notes and Minutes

Invited: Brad Havel, Shawn Houston, Gary Newman, Kala Hansen, Joyce Stephens,  
Walker Wheeler (chair)