

UAF STAFF COUNCIL MEETING #173  
Wednesday, 13 September 2006 - 8:45 – 11:15 a.m.  
Wood Center Room Conference Rooms C-D

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Jackie Alleyne-McCants	Hal Needham for Mary Pat Boger	Julie Smith
Liam Forbes	Katrina Nelson	Juella Sparks
Faith Henry Long	Gary Newman	Jeff Stepp, President
Diane Leavy	*Barbara Oleson	Leah Swasey
David Miller	Dorothy Parkerson	*Pam Twitchell
Ashley Munro	Holly Royce	
*Nici Murawsky	Carol Shafford	

ABSENT

Joyce Allen-Luopa	David Basham	Mary Pat Boger
Jenny Barrett	Sonja Bickford	

GUEST

Steven B. Jones, Chancellor	Ann Ringstad	Ana Richards
Joe Hayes	Michelle Renfrew	Kayt Sunwood

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

- A. Staff Council #173 Agenda, Wednesday, 13 September 2006, was approved as distributed.
- B. Approve Staff Council Minutes #172, Wednesday, 14 June 2006, was approved as distributed.

2. OFFICER REPORTS

Jeff Stepp, President Staff Council  
Vacant: President-Elect Staff Council

Jeff Stepp welcomed Council members to the first meeting of fall 2006. Jeff informed the Council about his new blog page and invited all to access the page to view information about Staff Council, Staff Alliance, and a variety of information of interest to staff. Council members may access Jeff Stepp's report to the Council at the following link: <http://uafstaffcouncilprez.blogspot.com/> .

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Jeff Stepp introduced and welcomed Kayt Sunwood, the UAF Women's Center new Manager.

Kayt Sunwood distributed and discussed a handout that informed Council members about the UA Aurora Alliance Organization. The goals of the organization include achieving equal rights for all members of the University community regardless of sexual orientation, working against employment discrimination based on sexuality, and creating social and professional connections among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and all faculty and staff. Kayt Sunwood announced and invited Council members to the Meet & Greet @ the Pub event, Thursday, 21 September, 5:30-7:00 p.m., at the Pub in Wood Center, UAF Campus. Kayt Sunwood thanked the Council for the public comment opportunity and invited Council members to visit the Women's Center.

B. Jeff Stepp welcomed Joe Hayes, Director, UAF Alumni Association.

Joe Hayes informed the Council about upcoming Alumni events. Joe Hayes distributed an information card outlining the 2006 UAF Alumni Reunion events scheduled Thursday, 28 September through Saturday, 30 September. The event culminates with the Starvation Gulch Bonfire Lighting, Saturday, 30 September, 10:30 p.m., at the Taku Parking Lot. Joe Hayes announced that this year's distinguished alumna is Jyotsna "Jo" Heckman, President of Denali State Bank. The Alumni Association will also honor Margaret Nelson, recipient of the Professional Excellence award, an Anchorage real estate agent and former President of the Alaska Native Heritage Center and Eric McDowell founder of the McDowell Group, a professional consulting and research firm. Kenneth Larimore, Manager, Equipment, Athletics and Recreation, UAF Campus is this year's recipient of the William R. Cashen Service Award. The award recognizes outstanding service to the Alumni Association. Dana Thomas, Assistant Provost and Department Chair of Mathematics and Statistics, is this year's recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award for University Support. Bernice Joseph, Dean of the UAF College of Rural and Community Development, is this year's recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award for Community Support. For a full schedule and to register please contact Joe Hayes at [fyalum@uaf.edu](mailto:fyalum@uaf.edu) or register at [www.uaf.edu/alumni](http://www.uaf.edu/alumni). Joe Hayes thanked Council members for the public comment opportunity and encouraged Council members to support the UAF Alumni Association.

#### 4. GUESTS

A. Stephen B. Jones, Chancellor

Chancellor Jones warmly welcomed Staff Council members back. Chancellor Jones shared with Council members, details about the UA System FY08 budget requests to be presented to the Governor. Chancellor Jones reminded Council members that Paul Reichardt, UAF Provost, will retire during the month of June 2007. Chancellor Jones stated that the next Chronicle of Higher Education will post a vacancy announcement for Provost Reichardt's replacement. The new title of the position is Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Susan Miller, Sr. Human Resources Advisor was appointed to represent staff on the search committee. Chancellor Jones encouraged Council members to invite Rosanne Bailey, Vice Chancellor of Administration to our meetings. The Chancellor stated that he would like to establish dialogue sessions with Council members and staff at large where he intends to do more listening and interacting rather than talking.

Jeff Stepp will work on scheduling the dialogue sessions through the Chancellor's staff.

The Chancellor passed out the new recruitment booklet "Extreme Education". The booklet describes the opportunities that UAF offers, enrollment statistics, 2006-2007 estimation of course costs, and other facts about the University. Holly Royce, Council Representative, Department of College of Rural and Community Development poi new coJef5u ff Stepretire durin

Ann Ringstad informed Council members about the mission of University Relations and the Office of Community Engagement (ACE) and the services offered to the campus community by that office. Ann Ringstad stated that her office would like to work closer with the Staff Council group to communicate more effectively and get messages out that concern the campus as a whole. She informed the Council members that her staff is putting together a website directed at better public relations and legislative advocacy, as well as working on a UAF branch of the SupportUA.org website. Ann Ringstad stated that she plans to hold mini-seminars about how the budgeting process works and the current status of the University budget. She stated that during the month of October she plans on arranging campus tours for legislative/gubernatorial candidates.

Liam Forbes asked Ann Ringstad about communication between the Chancellor and Staff Council. Ann Ringstad replied that her staff is working on ways to handle

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discuss Proposed Staff Council Retreat Agenda - Jeff Stepp

C. Call for volunteer to serve on the \*Technology Advisory Board (TAB) – Jeff Stepp

Jeff Stepp called for volunteers to serve on the Technology Advisory Board. Gary Newman volunteered to serve.

\*The primary mission of TAB is to increase the availability of innovative technology and education. This RFP is targeted to insure that students have access to current computer t

The committee will not meet until October 17<sup>th</sup>.

C. Master Planning Committee – Gary Newman - <http://www.uaf.edu/mastplan> .

Gary Newman updated Council members about the Ballaine Lake issue, winter walking trails, rural campus walking plans, and gave highlights about campus renovation.

D. Master Planning Subcommittee on Circulation and Parking – Katrina Nelson

Katrina Nelson informed Council members about the new gold parking lots. She stated that Parking Services is adamant about not overselling the lots, and that the lots will be monitored for a year. She stated that the committee is looking into complaints about too many handicap parking spaces.

E. Chancellor’s Budget Committee Report, Kim Cox

No report was available.

External committee reports will be attached or linked to the agenda if available.

## 10. STAFF COUNCIL ROUND TABLE

## 11. ADJOURN

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Tapes of this Staff Council meeting are available in the Governance Office, Room 312 Signers' Hall if anyone wishes to listen to the complete tapes, submitted by Lynette Washington, Staff Council Secretary.