

MINUTES  
GOVERNANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (GCC) Meeting #74  
Wednesday, 10 October 2007  
Chancellor's Conference Room

1. Juella Sparks called the meeting to order at 12 p.m.

A. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kayt Sunwood, President, UAF Staff Council  
Juella Sparks, President-Elect, UAF Staff Council  
Marsha Sousa, President-Elect, UAF Staff Council  
Jon Genetti, UAF Faculty Senate, President  
Marsha Sousa, UAF Faculty Senate, President-Elect  
Jake Hamburg, President, ASUAF  
Danielle Ryder, Vice-President, ASUAF  
Lynette Washington, Secretary, GCC

B. Wednesday, 10 October 2007, GCC #73 Agenda was approved as submitted.

C. Tuesday, 16 April 2007, GCC #73 Minutes were approved as submitted.

2. Elect UAF Governance Coordinating Committee Chair.

After a brief discussion the GCC members agreed to select Juella Sparks as Chair; Juella accepted the position.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Chancellor's Campus Diversity Action Committee (CCDAC): Discuss who will report to the GCC and Staff Council.

The GCC members asked about the background of the CCDAC. Lynette Washington informed the group that she would research past meeting minutes to find out more about the committee's creation under Chancellor Lind. Lynette Washington reported that Earlina Bowden, Director, EEO, sent out a call for volunteers to serve on the committee during September 2007, but at last check there were no staff volunteers. Kayt Sunwood stated that she has a compact disk (CD)

2008; the idea is to make it the Nobel Prize of Fairbanks. People will be encouraged to submit ideas, inventions, plans, and to change the wo

and uncomfortable recommendations. It will be up to President Hamilton to decide how to react to them. If he just ignores them then that almost guarantees a BOR's review.

Juella Sparks asked what the current primary issues of the Faculty Senate are. Jon Genetti replied student success, baccalaureate standards/admission standards, and meeting catalog deadlines.

C. Kayt Sunwood, President, Staff Council

Kayt Sunwood informed the group about the UAF Staff Council blog and encouraged the group to check out the SkillsSoft courses. Kayt Sunwood reported that the Council is working on our goals and agenda for 2008, trying to bring it in line with the Strategic Plan. Kayt Sunwood reported that faculty and staff development is one of the big pathways that are important to us. Juella Sparks asked is there any way to track the success of Strategic Plan 2010 and is there a plan to report how we did or did not do on our goals. Kayt Sunwood stated that a report was given to Chancellor Jones, but is not sure if it is available to the public. Kayt Sunwood stated that staff training is important to us and highlighted the SkillSoft Program, and encouraged the committee to use it and forward comments to Anne Sakumoto. Juella Sparks noted that in the next couple of months a decision will be made by UAF administrators to contract or not with the SkillSoft group.

Kayt Sunwood stated that getting a staff handbook is still an issue. Jon Genetti asked what is the difference between a staff handbook and a typical employee handbook that a new employee gets. Kayt stated that there is not actually an employee handbook either, that is our problem. Kayt Sunwood stated that since Staff are unrepresented we don't have anything. Kayt Sunwood stated that mention has been made of a printed one on the web, but actually there isn't, so we are looking into that. Kayt Sunwood reported that other concerns of Staff include the process of internal recruitment, mediation, and the HR redesign, and Performance Based Budgeting (PBB). Kayt Sunwood encouraged committee members to contact Governor Palin to fully fund the university.

Juella Sparks mentioned that UAA has a political action group (pag), and that she is looking into forming a group at UAF. She relayed that UAA does not always support the UAF budget, and that we at UAF are seeking a more integrated advocacy across all MAUs; with all the staff working together across all the MAUs statewide we would have an integrative voice.

Staff Council Blog URL: <http://staffcouncil4uaf.blogspot.com>

SkillSoft Link: <http://www.alaska.edu/hr/training/e-learning/skillsoft.xml>.

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