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Minutes

Staff Alliance

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

[Zoom Recording and Transcript](#)

Voting Members:

Mathew Mund, President, UAF Staff Council; Chair, Staff Alliance

Kate Govaars, President, UAS Staff Council

Lauren Hartman, Vice President, SW Administration Assembly

Ronnie Houchin, Vice President, UAF Staff Council

Dawn Humenik, Co-President, UAA Staff Council

Eric Lingle, Vice President, UAS Staff Council

Tania Rowe, Co-President, UAA Staff Council

Josh Watts, President, SW Administration Assembly

Staff:

Morgan Dufseth, Executive Officer, System Governance

Guests:

Steve Patin, Chief Human Resources Officer

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting came to order at 2pm.

2. Adopt Agenda

Dawn moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Kate. No members objections to the agenda as presented.

3. Approve [June 2 Minutes](#)

Lauren moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Dawn. No members had objections to the minutes as presented.

4. Discussion with CHRO Steve Patin

4.1. [Somethings to think about with regard to working from home](#)

Steve noted SW HR is looking to define what working-from-home will look like in a post-COVID world (although that isn't anticipated any time soon). Since staff have been able to effectively work from home during the pandemic it may serve the university to look further into increasing work from home once health and social restrictions have been lifted. Should remote work be more of a common occurrence at UA? Steve asked members to continue to think about WFH and to be prepared to share any ideas with him in the near future; he noted the next step will be to develop a draft and get input on it.

5. Chair's Report

Mathew Mund

Thank members for their help with editing his oral report to the BOR at its June meeting. He noted the Board meeting was overshadowed by the president's announcement of his candidacy for the University of Wisconsin president. The Board opted to postpone action on the agenda items relating to the president's contract. Mathew noted he is still attending SW incident management team meetings and encourages other Alliance members to keep attending IMT meetings at their universities.

Mathew also asked members to introduce them to the two new members: Eric Linge and Tania Rowe

6. New Business

6.1. [UNAC Petition for Johnsen's Resignation](#)

Mathew reviewed the petition with members and noted this was sent to him by Abel Bult-Ito, president of the United Academic faculty union (UNAC). Members discussed whether they wanted to distribute this petition broadly amongst staff and ultimately decided against it but agreed to share with each staff council and allow the local staff to decide on how or if to share it widely. Mathew noted he would draft a response to Abel and share it with members prior to sending in case they had any suggestions or additions.

7. Ongoing Business

7.1. [Staff Commitment to Excellence](#)

7.2. Review of [June 3-4 Full Board Meeting](#)

7.3. [Staff Alliance Feedback Form](#)

7.3.1. Who is checking/responding to that? - Mathew noted he will set it up so he is notified when there are new responses to the form, and that chair and vice chair should take the lead in responding to new submissions. Morgan will work to ensure new members have access to the form each year when terms expire.

8. Legislative Update

8.1. [May 21 Capitol Report](#)

8.2. [May 28 HR Update](#)

9. Staff Council Reports (if time permits)

9.1. UAA

9.2. UAF

9.3. UAS

9.4. SAA

10. Public Comments

11. Roundtable discussion

12. Agenda Items for July Meeting

Discussion with Steve Patin about staff longevity

13. Adjourn