

The UAF Faculty Senate did not pass the following at Meeting #211 on December 7, 2015:

RESOLUTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate recommends that the faculty of the University of Alaska Fairbanks make an annual voluntary contribution of at least \$40 per faculty to UAF designated for sustainability services, projects, and initiatives. The donation will be invested by the Chancellor, in consultation with the Review of Infrastructure, Sustainability and Energy (RISE) Board, toward energy efficiency programs and renewable energy projects at UAF, starting at the beginning of the spring semester of 2016 and ending with the conclusion of the spring semester of 2026.

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

RATIONALE:

In 2009, the students of the University of Alaska Fairbanks voted to impose a \$20 per semester (\$40 per year) sustainability fee upon themselves to support sustainability projects and initiatives on campus. Per the resolution, the funds are distributed to campus sustainability projects via a student-initiated proposal process. After submission, these proposals are reviewed by the RISE Board (the UAF Sustainability Board), which is comprised of UAF students, faculty, and staff. Since 2009, RISE has funded 86 student-initiated projects, providing transportation services (e.g., Green Bikes), food services (e.g., community garden), and energy savings (e.g., solar panels on SRC, Engineering Building). The RISE Board has also institutionalized sustainability on campus by spearheading a Sustainability Plan that was adopted by the University and incorporated into the Campus Master Plan.

Recently, RISE has changed its funding structure by establishing a green revolving fund (GRF). The fund mandates that 80% of projects have a return on investment, which is put back into the fund to be reused for new projects. Currently, RISE is seeking funding to supplement a commitment of \$250,000 dollars for a solar project on the new coal plant. After completion of that project, RISE will continue to push campus sustainability forward as it seeks to have 25% of the UAF campus powered by sustainable resources by 2025.

Voting for this resolution supports a partnership between faculty, staff, and students for making UAF a sustainable organization. It helps demonstrate that faculty, staff, and students share common goals with respect to sustainability at UAF. It sends the message that faculty thoroughly endorse efforts to make UAF a more environmentally responsible campus.
