

Minutes of the University Advocacy Committee meeting, 8/8/17

Members present: Carrie Santoro (Chair), Briana Pauling, Kara Axx

Guest present: Mathew Mund

Members excused: Jami Warrick, Lesli Walls, Alex Chisum, John Smelter, Susie Frei, Dean Ojala

Pending items:

- 1) Volunteer Day - Bill Wright, Executive Director of United Way of Tanana Valley will be attending our next meeting to discuss volunteer options with his member agencies.
- 2) Mentoring/online forums – Mathew Mund joined our meeting to discuss whether what our committee was envisioning by forming mentoring communities would interfere with his committee’s mentoring activities. As his committee’s activities will be geared to Staff Council representatives only, while our committee’s activities will be along job functions across UAF, there is not overlap or interference in the two activities.

New items:

- 1) Open House plan – brought up by Mathew Mund briefly at our last Staff Council meeting. A plan will be presented at the next Staff Council meeting describing a proposed Fall and Spring semester open house hosted by any given UAF unit, in partnership with Staff Council’s University Advocacy Committee. While the host will be responsible for orchestrating and advertising the event, Staff Council will also be able to promote to staff in attendance how staff governance is organized and how it works, as well as solicit for new members.
- 2) Employee Giving Initiative – will be touching base with Nate Bauer to get background on this recurring item on the Staff Council agenda to see whether it can be removed or needs to continue to be addressed.

Next meeting will be held on September 12, 2017 at 1:30pm in Murie, Room.