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MEMO

DATE: January 30, 2014  
TO: Brad Krick, President, UAF Staff Council  
Nicole Dufour, Executive Secretary, UAF Staff Council  
FROM: Brian D. Rogers, Chancellor  
SUBJ: UAF Staff Council Resolution 2014-246-1:  
Resolution Requesting the Inclusion of Staff Council Representation on the  
University of Alaska Fairbanks Budget Options Group

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I received the Staff Council's resolution requesting formal representation of the Staff Council on the Budget Options Group that I appointed in December 2013.

In my December 20<sup>th</sup> memorandum to all faculty, staff and students regarding UAF's planning efforts to address our likely FY15 budget challenges, I emphasized that UAF is committed to shared governance. The long-standing Planning and Budget Committee, a representative group, will, as it does every year, review and recommend budget priorities. The Staff Council will be invited, as it has in past years, to participate in the Planning and Budget Committee. The Budget Options Group is an input mechanism to the Planning and Budget Committee and was not intended to be representative group. Members of the group are not formally representing specific sectors of the UAF community. The two faculty members appointed to the group are not expected to confer with the Faculty Senate in their work to generate and evaluate ideas – and given the quick timetable the group is working on, it would not likely be feasible to do so. The Budget Options Group does include a staff member. Conversely, several other sectors of the UAF community do not have membership in this group. For these reasons, I decline your request to add an additional member to the Budget Options Group for the purpose of formally representing the Staff Council.

However, I certainly appreciate the Staff Council's interest in actively participating in developing options and recommendations for addressing our potential \$14M budget gap next year. Given the Council's strong interest in this issue, I suggest that the Staff Council convene a special meeting for the purpose of considering the budget cut/revenue enhancement ideas received to-date and for the purpose of developing a set of recommendations of its own. I am asking the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to be available to support you in such an undertaking, to include sharing the financial analysis it has completed thus far on the ideas it has received (the same analysis that has been shared with the Budget Options Group). Please contact Julie Queen at 907-474-5479 or at [jmlarweth@alaska.edu](mailto:jmlarweth@alaska.edu) if you would like OMB support for a special Staff Council meeting on budget options.