

University Advocacy Committee (UAC) Report  
Last meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 2015  
10:00 AM  
Rasmuson Library 502

Present: Nate Bauer  
Susan Carson  
Nicole Dufour  
Kim Eames  
Connie Huizenga  
Phil Jacobs  
Brandi Marrero  
Lesli Walls  
Jami Warrick

Agenda:

#### Item 1: Volunteer Day Proposal/Resolution

Newly revised proposal and resolution were discussed, with general overall committee support for advancing resolution to vote at March SC meeting. Discussion included options for structuring Volunteer Day efforts in ways similar and/or connected to UCLA's I'm Going to College outreach elementary reading program (spring program), as well as UAF United Way campaigns.

Revisions were suggested (and made) to remove "Leave" terms (Volunteer, Administrative, or otherwise), to avoid potential for misunderstanding about purpose of initiative.

Committee also discussed the proposal's lack of specifics regarding overhead organization and team design, as well as processing solicitations from volunteer organizations. Committee clarified that specifics should be avoided until UAF administration and HR can be involved.

Chair has made revisions based on above discussion and advanced documents to SC Exec Board and full SC meeting agendas.

#### Item 2: Mentoring Survey

Committee discussed existing survey, including the need to define "informal" and "formal" mentoring by including "assigned" vs "not assigned" clarification. Nate made this change to the survey.

Another change was suggested, to revise "leadership/department" to "supervisor/department," in order to include those staff members in departments with more intricate hierarchies.

"New roles" was also revised to "advancement or job development/training," in order to avoid assumptions that mentoring only happens at the beginning of a job.

Chair has made suggested revisions and advanced revised survey for approval by Exec Board and full SC council before distribution to all UAF staff.

#### Item 3: Telecom options

Options were discussed for avoiding use of the call-in telecom system, which costs Staff Council money. Committee favored the use of Google Hangouts or similar online conferencing options, as long as each committee member is able to secure hardware/software necessary (including microphone headsets).

Chair will explore equipment available at UAF surplus, and ensure individual members are able to access the chosen option before it is put into use.