

University of Alaska Fairbanks

Staff Council

Resolution 2015-261-4

Revised 5-4-2015

UAF Staff Council approved the following motion at Staff Council Meeting #261, on May 4, 2015:

Resolution 2015-261-4:

Resolution in Support of UAF Staff Council’s ‘Staff Volunteer Day’ Proposal

WHEREAS, UAF Staff Council’s University Advocacy Committee is committed to *organizing events and functions to help make the public aware of the value of University staff, as well as students and faculty*; and

WHEREAS, Staff Council observes our communities’ increased need for time and effort from the University’s wide variety of skilled and highly capable staff and potential volunteers; and

WHEREAS, we also recognize the opportunity to bridge cultural and practical gaps between UAF and our larger community; and

WHEREAS, we further observe the potential for UAF and Staff Council to partner together in an effort to benefit the community in which we live and work; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to UAF’s core themes, including its efforts to *engage Alaskans through Outreach for Continuing Education and Community and Economic Development*; and

WHEREAS, we are also aligned with the University of Alaska’s efforts, through the Shaping Alaska’s Future initiative, to *demonstrate accountability to the people of Alaska*; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that UAF Staff Council supports the proposal to found an Annual Staff Volunteer Day at UAF.



Chris Beks, President, UAF Staff Council

5/19/15

Date

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Proposal for UAF Staff Volunteer Day

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In partnership with our university's administration, UAF Staff Council seeks to promote and strengthen UAF's core themes, including its efforts to *engage Alaskans through Outreach for Continuing Education and Community and Economic Development*, as well as the UA system's efforts, through the Shaping Alaska's Future initiative, to *demonstrate accountability to the people of Alaska*; we also highlight our own organization's commitment, through Staff Council's University Advocacy Committee, to establish *events and functions to help make the public aware of the value of University staff, as well as students and faculty*.

We further observe our communities' increased need for time and effort from UAF's wide variety of skilled and highly capable staff and potential volunteers, as well as the opportunity to bridge cultural and connotative gaps between UAF and our larger community.

We also recognize the potential for UAF and its Staff Council to partner together in an effort to benefit the community in which we live and work. The annual Staff Volunteer Day proposed herein seeks to incorporate the organization, facilitation, and promotion of volunteerism by staff on a large scale, during designated times of year when these efforts are most needed.

As a result of these concerns, UAF Staff Council seeks official designation for an annual UAF Staff Volunteer Day. Our proposal seeks equally shared commitment (and the credit that results) from administration and staff individuals: a work day of volunteer time per staff member per year, comprising four hours of existing Annual Leave, donated by the staff member, together with four hours of university time.

We propose these volunteer efforts to be concentrated as full workdays by all willing staff, to take place during one of two designated weeks per school year, which may also minimize any adverse effect to UAF and its services to students. Tentative proposals for these weeklong designations include a single week during the Fall semester of 2015 and one during Spring semester of 2016. We further recognize the need for the stringent organization, regulation, and oversight of such proposed activities, with Staff Council anticipating collaboration with University Human Resources and Administration regarding implementation.

In summary, UAF Staff Council proposes, in conjunction with UAF administration, the founding of an Annual Staff Volunteer Day, incorporating the organization, facilitation, and promotion of volunteerism by staff on an extensive level, during designated times of year when these efforts are most needed by our community.