

Committee: University Advocacy Committee

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Committee Chair(s):

Meeting Date: 11/11/2016

Present: Jami Warrick, Kara Axx, Lesli Walls, Susie Frei, Carrie Santoro

Excused:

Absent: Connie Huizenga

Guests:

Report:

We covered two primary items.

1. Forums to serve as work groups (please see link to forum examples below):

This option was suggested as an alternative to formation of employee work groups, one of the plans considered during a discussion related to the Staff Mentoring Survey. Mentoring is a beneficial process, but might not provide the information and immediate access that people need to get input/questions answered. Forums with dedicated subject areas will allow users to quickly share information with their peers. Benefits to this approach include: (1) time savings (users can access the forums from their desks), (2) the ability to interact with individuals that they might not otherwise come into contact with, (3) the ability to search the forums for particular information, and (4) the possibility that true, one-on-one mentoring relationships may form organically from the forum interactions. The preferred approach would have everyone signing in with their UA credentials for full accountability/transparency, with admins for each subject area. Questions/suggestions: (1) Contact Faye and Nate for input into process (both are copied here), (2) determine where something like this would be housed within the UAF website, and who would provide oversight (OIT? Individual departments?), (3) discuss with HR before moving forward.

2. Volunteer Day proposal:

This effort seems to have stalled a bit, but we made some progress today. Nicole provided us with the previous resolution, signed in 2015 by Chancellor Rogers. We've since learned that there will be no administrative leave for volunteer efforts, and we have not seen the establishment of a dedicated Annual Staff Volunteer Day. So, we've discussed reworking the existing resolution to encourage supervisor support for those wishing to participate in volunteer efforts, and also to encourage groups to work together on volunteer projects in an effort to highlight the amazing staff here at UAF. Lesli Walls will format the document for uploading into Google docs, and we will work together to have suggestions by November 23. The plan is to have a finalized draft before the next Staff Council meeting on December 5.

<http://www.quertime.com/article/15-best-online-forum-platforms-software-free-and-paid/>

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Action Items / Follow Up: Finalized Volunteer Day proposal resolution: in progress

Next Meeting: **Date:** 12/7/2016 **Time:** 9:00 AM

Location: 616A Elvey

Meeting available by Google Hangout: in-person and call-in