

**UMED – GREEN District Executives Meeting
November 26, 2008 Summary
UAA Administration Building 204**

Chancellor Fran Ulmer welcomed those at the meeting, and self-introductions were made. Participants are listed at the end of this summary.

A review of the U-Med effort was provided by Dr. Larry Foster, Chair UAA Sustainability Council and Margaret (Meg) King also from UAA. (See powerpoint)

ACTIONS:

- Each U-Med Institution should identify 5 – or 6 folks from their organizations who are passionate about these issues and make sure they are involved. Executives can provide Meg King with names and contact information.
- In February 2009 a follow-up report will be provided to U-Med Executives based on the four Workgroups meetings, activities and goals. (*The Workgroups are Alternative Transportation, Green Purchasing, Green Energy & Energy Use Reduction, and Recycling and Materials Management*)
- Meg King will follow-up with those not able to attend the Executives Meeting.

AGREEMENTS

- U-Med Executives agreed that the economies of scale our institutions can jointly develop have the potential to be effective and powerful – in both saving money and greening U-Med Institutions.
- The U-Med Executives agreed on the proposed structure, the four Workgroup focus areas, and the proposed Year One timeline (more information in powerpoint):
 - Workgroup Kickoff Meetings to identify current interests and challenges (Last Quarter 2008)
 - Workgroup Goal Setting Meetings to set recommendations for goals and target timelines Executives (1st Quarter 2009)
 - Prepare report to U-Med Executives- How do we most effectively leverage U-Med in the 4 target areas to reduce costs and go **green**? (2nd Quarter 2009)
 - Workgroup Project Meetings for coordination and implementation (2nd Quarter 2009)
 - U-Med Executives Meeting (May 2009)
 - Workgroup Updates and New Projects Meeting (3rd Quarter 2009)
 - Prepare Draft Report for Executives and Community (by October 1, 2009)

DISCUSSION/INTEREST AREAS

- API is very interested in Alternative Transportation/Biking
- U-Med should conduct concerted effort and encourage employees to participate in Bike-to-Work 2009
- UAA agreed it would develop a website for U-Med Green District
- Green purchasing has a lot of potential – there's the ability to use the Innovative Procurement provisions allowed for in Alaska's state procurement rules, as well as some public-private partnerships
- ASD has done a lot of LEED projects – has not spent funds to be certified, yet has met standards
- Discussion about support and turn taking to coordinate U-Med Green District was initiated