

## May 2012 Rural Affairs Meeting

Present: Brad Krick, Sara Battiest, Robert Mackey, Nicole Dufour

Absent (Excused): Richard Machida, Evelyn Pensgard, Mary Sue Dates, Pips Veazey

Absent: Ashley Munro, Annie Fritze, Travis Brinzow

Meeting called to order by Brad at: 11:02

No quorum for this meeting.

1. March, April, and May Meeting Minutes: Brad postponed voting on the March minutes since we didn't have quorum. However, since we don't have a June meeting, Brad will send out the meeting minutes via email and get corrections that way.

2. Staff Appreciation Day: eLive Sessions and Campus Events

We are still looking for more volunteers to help run eLive sessions for SAD. Brad will follow up with Ashley and Maria to see if people who are not on campus can help.

3. Staff Make Students Count Award: Statewide reported to Juella that there were not many nominees from rural sites and she asked if that might have something to do with the Peggy Wood award. Sara said that both awards came at the same time, and the Peggy Wood took precedence for them. Robert said that the shorter deadline and later start date makes it harder to collect the required nomination letters. The nomination period this year was 11 days.

We also discussed other elements that might bear on the SMSC. One person was told that their nomination wasn't rated as highly because it looked like what they had done to make "students count" was just part of their job. Perhaps award evaluators aren't giving enough credit for the additional time spent by rural staff helping students? We also noted that it doesn't look like there have been any awards to UAF staff at rural campuses, although there are a few awardees without locations or bios indicated on the award's webpage

Finally, it was suggested that staff nominated for the SMSC be recognized, too. Supervisors spend a lot of time and work to collect the needed letters and it would be good to recognize that effort.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.