

Staff Council Rural Affairs Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, November 2, 2010                      10:00 a.m.  
MINUTES

Present: Ashley Munro, Crystal Wilson, Susie Baird.

Some others may have called in earlier but Chair was late to meeting.

Also present: Nichole Kloefer

1. Called to order by Susie Baird at 10:10 am.
2. Request for any agenda items as none received prior to meeting.
3. Ashley reported on the Peggy Wood Staff Recognition award. The award consists of a plaque and cash. Ashley has been in contact with Bambi Nelson in CRCD office. The committee planned to meet in November but AFN made that impossible. Meeting scheduled for December.
4. Nichole asked Ashley had any information on how rural campuses utilized money that was allocated to each rural campus for Staff Appreciation Day. Ashley had that in her year end report but stated that all campuses used it except Interior-Aleutians. That does not mean they didn't do anything for Staff Appreciation Day, only that they did not use the money allocated to them. Ashley sent an email to all directors requesting a point person at each campus be identified. Susie reported the day was good and well appreciated at KuC.
5. Nominations for Staff Council representation in odd-numbered units is underway with 11 nominations so far and more expected. Nominations are open until November 9<sup>th</sup>, and elections will follow the same process (log in with UAF ID number, vote online). Elections start November 11<sup>th</sup> and are open for 30 days.
6. The Chancellor's Awards Committee meets this week. New rating of the criteria and process will be discussed.
7. Staff Appreciation session solicitation information for sessions for 2011 event will be sent out soon, with an eye to making things simpler and less expensive as the budget is smaller this year. Sessions may be taught more than once throughout the day. There has been a request for more fun sessions.
8. Nichole suggested rural campuses send any information on what they are doing (especially innovative activities) to the recycling coordinator, Michelle Hebert at 474-2423 or mahebert@alaska.edu.
9. Concern from several Rural Affairs Committee members that the upcoming Administrative Services Open Forum is not available to rural sites, even though the invitation states, ". . . open to all staff." Jennifer Elhard, Susie Baird and Nichole all requested the forum be available to rural sites. Susie was told they were planning another session for rural campuses (response: but we might profit from the discussion and questions asked with all participants); Nichole was told it was not convenient & there were no plans to use audio capabilities (response: Nichole offered them our numbers, to set it up, and to mute the rural sites until the Q & A section). At this time the November 11<sup>th</sup> open forum is not open to rural staff. Contact is Kerynn Fisher at X7907 or

klfisher@alaska.edu. Nichole can send out notices of the forums to Staff Council but not to the staff listserv.

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<http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/staff-council/about-us/newsletter/>

10. Next meeting: December 7th, 10:00 am.

11. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.