

## Staff Council Rural Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Sept 6 2011 Meeting 10:00 AM

Present: Richard Machida, Pips Veazey, Brad Krick, Mary Sue Dates, Evelyn Pensgard

Absent: Bryan Uher (excused), Ashley Munroe (excused), Travis Brinzow (excused) Robert Mackey (excused), Sara Battiest (excused), Benjamin Tucker (excused)

### 1) COLA Discussion

Brad and Richard did not find specific answers on how COLA is calculated for staff at UAF.

Pips suggested that we look at compensation as a whole, including COLA. She suggested that we produce a graph to show the overall effects of the various drivers on our compensation package (health care, salaries, COLA, annual increases, parking, etc.).

Brad and Pips will try to find more information for our next meeting.

### 2) Discussion about Staff Participation in the review of the General Education Curriculum

Pips has emailed Cathy Cahill to ask for more information about the process.

How many staff do work as academic advisors? Brad will email CRCD to try and get a number or percentage of rural staff who do academic advising. Brad will also email Provost's Office to ask how many academic departments advise through their faculty, rather than use staff advisors (suggestion came from Robert after the meeting.).

The topic was moved to the next meeting.

3) Brad will put out a doodle or email poll to ask for optimal meeting times again for the next RA meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40