

## Staff Council Rural Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 10, 2011 2:00 PM

Present: Brad Krick, Sara Battiest, Ashley Munro, Richard Machida, Kerissa Brady, Ben Tucker, Travis Brinzow, Evelyn Pensgard

Not present: Joseph Hickman

Excused: Bryan Uher, Robert Mackey

- 1) Called to order by Brad Krick at 2:01 PM
- 2) Reminder that Staff Council needs nominations for SC President and Vice President positions for the May 18 meeting. **Added to the notes by Brad:** Maria and Margo are willing to discuss what the position entails and nominate staff if they do not want to self-nominate. Nominations can also be placed online at the Staff Council site: <http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/staff-council/about-us/>
- 3) Ashley Munro spoke to the committee about webcasted sessions for Staff Appreciation Day. All of the available sessions will be HR sessions, which was not what the committee hoped to do – they wanted to have more fun sessions. However, the November ice storm extended the Fairbanks-North Star Borough School District's schedule and the last day of school is May 19. As a result, instructors who were going to run sessions for the event had to cancel. Ashley said that it would be helpful to have more RA committee members on the SAD committee for next year.

OIT no longer does webstreaming. Instead, it is outsourced and will cost \$1300 for this year's event. The committee hopes that more people will tune in to the sessions, because that will help the case for webcasting, since not many people utilized them last year. Kerissa asked how rural staff should participate in webcasted sessions – a web address will be put out shortly. The award ceremony will also be webcasted, starting at 3:15.

Rural sites that qualified to hold events this year should have their award letter. The SAD committee needs feedback and reports on how the money is spent. Longevity awards should be in the mail or getting to the mail soon; there was a delay due to a mixup with the supplier.

- 4) Peggy Wood Award info - Ashley suggested that someone on the committee should continue to serve as the person in charge. Discussion for a more standardized committee will happen next fall.

Ashley informed the committee of the winner. The award will be presented by Bernice Joseph at the Staff Appreciation Day awards ceremony, which will be webcast

- 5) The committee moved to hold their next meeting in September. Brad said that he would poll members in August to find a meeting time/date that would work for fall
- 6) Ben Tucker raised the issue of COLA discrepancies – for example, Homer is rated the same as Fairbanks and Anchorage. Ashley said that the committee had looked into this issue in years past and found that this was set by the state. A letter was sent, but there was no response. Richard agreed to look into the background of what had been done prior. Brad said he would look for prior RA meeting minutes that would be applicable and send them to Ben and Richard. Ashley indicated that Mike Swanson was involved in the discussion two years ago, and the minutes would be pre-2009. Someone added that Mike is now at UAA Mat-Su, and might be able to answer questions.
- 7) Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM