

Rural Affairs Committee Notes

March 11, 2015

Meeting second Wednesday of each month

- Connect Rural Staff to Governance
 - Identify/Define Centers under each campus
 - Work on list of which campuses, sites fall under Rural Affairs
 - Define who this committee represents and improve communication
 - SFOS – Marine Advisory Program/courses, Cooperative Extension, course work in villages primarily web-based
 - Dillingham – Serves 33 villages and 3 remote centers
- Budget Cuts – general discussion
 - COLA – Discuss changes to cost of living allocations in rural areas
 - Even if budgets will not allow – needs to be in place for when budgets are healthier
 - Facilities – this could also be a priority when budgets improve
- Videoconferencing
 - How important is this to each site and what currently exists (delivering courses/service to students)
- No Smoking/Tobacco Use Policy
 - Non-issue for many rural campus sites – in place prior to policy or not having issue with it
- All in attendance – spoke about their area or why on committee