ATTACHMENT #3
UAF STAFF COUNCIL #202
November 18, 2009
SUBMITTED BY Liz Guthier and Ashley Munro

Rural Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2009

Present: Susie Baird, Travis Brinzow, Ashley Munro, Marianne Freelong, and Liz Guthier
Excused: Crystal Wilson, Becky Walker, Byrd Norton, Jennifer Elhard

1. Call to Order ï Liz called the meeting to order at 9:02 am

2. Discussion of Committee Goals ï
    a. Cost of Living Differential--Liz mentioned that last meeting the group decided to just monitor this situation and take action if the need arose. Travis asked for more information on what the committee has already done and what the committee still wants to accomplish in regards to this goal. Liz recapped what had been done the past year in regards to cost of living and Travis suggested that instead of having a letter come from rural affairs encouraging the university to consider raising the cost of living differential that it be brought to the staff council and have the staff council issue a letter. The committee agreed this would be more effective and Liz said she would put it on the agenda for next monthôs staff council meeting.
    b. Creating a Strong Rural Voice within UAF--Everyone on the committee received a copy of the memo that will be sent to all department heads as well as a list of UAF departments, department chairs, and mailing addresses for mailing out the memo. The committee helped update names and make sure the mailing list was accurate. Marianne offered to send it out by mail before the end of the day. The committee agreed that mail was more effective than email since emails have a tendency to get lost.
    c. Special Topics Workshops for Staff--This item was accidentally skipped during the meeting. We were waiting for a quick follow up before scratching this off the list. Can address next meeting.
    d. Any Other Goals to Add--

TO:

Staff Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2009

Roll Call
Present: Jennifer Elhard, Kayt Sunwood, Marianne Freelong, Martin Klein, Nichole Kloepfer, Heather Leavengood, Brad Havel, Mary Sue Dates, Debra Hao, Carol Shafford, Juella Sparks, Pips Veazey, Julie Carpenter Not Present: Jenny Day, Nici Murawsky

Accreditation

1. Refer to draft motion presented at Staff Council #201 - Attachment 7A for additional information about the following six themes that describe UAFôs primary activities:
   a. Baccalaureate Education and Lifelong Learning
   b. Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity with emphasis on Alaska, the Circumpolar North, and their Diverse peoples
   c. PhD, Graduate Education, and Advanced Study
   d. Educating Alaskaôs Workforce
   e. Alaska Native and Rural Education and Scholarship
   f. Community Engagement, Public Service, and Outreach Across Alaska
2. Chancellor Rogers wants Economic Development to be on the list.
   Economic Development probably falls under Public Service or Community Engagement.

Review of University Policies

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Staff Calendar Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting Report
November 16, 2009

The Staff Calendar Ad-

www.uaf.edu/uafgov/staff/handbook/calendarsubmissions2009.pdf

The names of staff council reps and alts will not appear on the calendar. The following will be included: a notice that all SC meetings are public, contact information for Staff Council meetings, SC website and contact information. The calendar will show: paid holidays, SC meeting dates, pay days, and Staff Appreciation Day.

The calendar will have a landscape format with the calendar portion placed around the sides and bottom. We hope to have these printed by the December Staff Council meeting.

Advocacy Committee Meeting Report

October 30, 2009

Our regularly scheduled meeting was not held, due to a lack of attendance.

Staff Tours: The planned staff tour for October fell through when we could not make contact with LARS. We have moved onto November and have been contacting the Cold Climate Housing Research Center. They may not be available to do a tour until December.

Staff Appreciation Day is May 19, 2010. We have starting the planning meetings. We are looking at re-arranging the schedule a little, by having the Staff Awards (Longevity included) in the morning with breakfast and having the Chancellor's Address be the last session, followed by an ice cream social. Right now, the committee is focused on finding sessions. Chancellor Rogers has encouraged us to find more personal development sessions. We are also making arrangements for the Longevity Awards. We have a representative from HR, but the Staff Appreciation Day Committee will be in charge of the award ceremony and staff recognition.

Regular meeting times have been set. We will meet the first Thursday of every month at 9am. Our next meeting is December 3rd at 9am.

We have recently lost 3 members of the committee. Please join us!!

Communications Committee Meeting Report
November 2009

We did not meet this month. The staff survey has closed and results are being reviewed.