

Rural Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2011

Chair: Brad Krick

Present: Brad Krick, Bryan Uher, Joe Hickman, Richard Machida, Kerissa Brady, Joyce Stephens

Excused: Sara Battiest, Robert Mackey, Susan Baird

1. Call to Order – Brad called the meeting to order at 10:10 am
2. **Items added to the agenda:** None
3. **Peggy Wood Award:** On Friday, Brad and Ashley Munroe met with Bambi Nelson of CRCO to discuss changes and additions to the guidelines of the Peggy Wood Award. It was discussed that the criteria and rules were very sparse, and are now being revised and will be sent out to the committee via email. The deadline for nominations has not yet been set, but the award date will be May 19th, the same as Staff Appreciation Day. Bryan pointed out that now would be a good time for nomination criteria to be disbursed because the Interior-Aleutians Campus is having a Face-to-Face and staff members from the rural centers are gathered in Fairbanks. Discussion proceeded to whether or not a sub-committee for reviewing the Peggy Wood Award nominations should be disbanded in favor of the entire Rural Affairs Committee taking on the review. The concern of possible conflict of interest due the review committee, which is comprised of rural staff, being biased in their reviews of the nominees was brought into discussion. Possible solutions discussed were a) build a sub-committee for review of nominees from non-rural staff members, perhaps from Fairbanks campus. b) Brad suggested that any member of the RAC who participated in nominating a staff member for the Peggy Wood Award be eliminated from the review process. Added to this, Kerissa suggested the clarification that any member who had themselves been nominated, also be removed from the review process. Brad asked Joyce what the procedure for sub-committee/rules is, and it was decided that Brad will contact Ashley Monroe for confirmation of process and rules, and table the sub-committee discussion pending further information
4. Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am