

Rural Affairs Committee Report  
March 8, 2010

Susan Baird has agreed to Chair the Rural Affairs Committee.

No meetings have been called as of yet but are planned for March.

Charge to Rural Affairs Committee under Staff Council is to:

Oversee general welfare of the UAF community not residing on the Fairbanks campus  
Monitor all activities affecting compliance with the Rural Campus mission statement of the  
University of Alaska Fairbanks.

*From UAF website: UAF has community and rural campuses in [downtown Fairbanks](#), [Bethel](#), [Dillingham](#), [Kotzebue](#) and [Nome](#), and maintains six community centers through its [Interior-Aleutians Campus](#) in Fairbanks. These branches, part of the [College of Rural and Community Development](#), are central to fulfilling the [UAF mission](#) of **providing educational opportunities throughout the state**.*

1. Received listing of members and updated email addresses to Google addresses.
2. Prior goals were cost of living differential, consistent annual training for rural employees, creating a strong rural voice at the UAF campus and offering workshops to rural staff. The past chair feels that these goals have been met and the committee needs to establish new goals.
3. Received information on the Margaret "Peggy" Woods Rural Staff Recognition Award from Ashley Munro, chair of the Staff Recognition Subcommittee of the Rural Affairs Committee. Updated and sent to Nichole for distribution. Have had several people call with questions regarding the award, so know there is some interest in it. Nominations are due March 27 and go to Staff Recognition Subcommittee for review.