

Rural Affairs notes from 3/6/2012:

Approximately once a year, Rural Affairs discusses the committee chair position. Brad is open to continuing as chair, he is also open to someone else filling the seat if there is interest. Having co-chairs is another possibility. If anyone on the committee would like to be a chair or co-chair, please let Brad know.

Suggestions for business for this spring and for the summer are welcome. Right now, there are no pressing issues.

Staff Council unanimously passed the geographical differential motion that the committee worked on last month. The approved motion will be taken to Staff Alliance. It is unclear what will happen after that. There should be more information about this after tomorrow's administrative committee meeting.

The Staff Compensation Working Group is looking at issues of compensation including geographic differentials and cost of living adjustments. Brad is bringing everything that Rural Affairs has discussed to these working group meetings, but additional information would be welcome.

Summer staffing for rural campuses was addressed in terms of being able to provide advising services to campuses at rural campuses with many advising staff on 9-month contracts.