

ATTACHMENT #2
UAF STAFF COUNCIL #207
May 18, 2010
SUBMITTED BY: Ashley Munro

Advocacy Committee Report
May 6, 2010

Present: Ashley Munro, Nicole Kloepfer, Dawn Dearing, Jodi Baxter

1. Staff Tours

We will plan a few summer tours:

- June- Greenhouses (Jodi)
- July/August- Botanical Gardens (Ashley)
- June-Sept- LARS (Dawn)

2. Brown Bag Lunch Hour

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4. Next Meeting

We will be meeting over the summer to discuss our summer events. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 14 9am.

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Advocacy Committee Year-End Report
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Committee Members: Ashley Munro (Chair), Dawn Dearing, Jodi Baxter, Jenny Day, Kathy Pedersen

The Advocacy Committee has lost most of the long time members. The role of the committee has been unclear, as have past activities. We spent a majority of this year working on building back membership and redefining our goals.

1. Staff Tours

We held the following staff tours this year:

- September- UAF Walking Tour (2 tours)
- December- Cold Climate Housing Research Center
- April- KUAC
- May- UAF Walking Tour (as part of Staff Appreciation Day)

We are currently planning the following tour over the summer:

- June- Greenhouses
- July/August- Botanical Gardens
- June-Sept- LARS

2. Brown Bag Lunch Hour

This is an addition to the Advocacy Committee. This will be a chance for staff to attend a forum on a topic of our choosing and will fulfill the role of advocating to UAF staff.

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4. Communications

The Advocacy Committee has taken on the role of communicating to staff, which was formally the role of the Ad-Hoc Communications Committee. We are currently meeting this need through the above efforts.

5. Staff Appreciation Day

Staff Appreciation Day was formally included under the Advocacy Committee. Due to the increased size of the event, it now has its own committee.

6. 2010-2011 Suggestions

In the upcoming year, the Advocacy Committee would like to see the Staff Tour program continue, a monthly Brown Bag Lunch Hour to focus on hot topics and the addition of at least one more program, which could be the Family Fun Day.

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SUBMITTED BY: Susan Baird

Staff Council Rural Affairs Committee
Annual Report
May 2010

The Rural Affairs Committee has been without a chair for several months until March 2010 when Susan Baird of the Kuskokwim Campus offered to take on the assignment. After initial contact with prior members to gauge interest in remaining on the committee, 21 people, representing 14 groups, expressed a desire to be or remain on the committee.

The charge to the committee 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: *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.***

After updating the membership list to reflect Google Mail addresses and reviewing the past goals of the committee, the chair polled members to find a mutually acceptable monthly meeting date. Tentatively, that will be the first Tuesday of each month (no meeting was held in May), but may change following a Doodle survey mid May.

Meeting Discussion Items:

1. Connectivity issues on rural campuses that often result in: slow or dropped connections during attempts to register students and during course delivery; inability to download large or even medium files; campuses bumping up against maximum bandwidth nearly 24 hours of the day, etc.
2. Efficient and timely textbook delivery to rural campuses. Much improvement seen since textbook ordering and delivery for fall 2009, including recent development of a flyer and wording in the print schedule, but there is still concern over weather and schedule change delays in shipments to outlying areas. Possible solutions included having the first few chapters available online from publisher, scanned and emailed or saved on a disc to mail prior to first class meeting.
3. Confidentiality of election votes cast by members calling in to meetings, however that has resolved by having members email their votes to Nicole rather than voting over phone connection.
4. Safety training being required by adjuncts but they do not get paid for the hours it takes to do it, so compliance is somewhat compromised.
5. Margaret "Peggy" Woods award (which recognizes an outstanding rural campus staff member) information sent to all rural campuses to solicit nominations. Staff Recognition Subcommittee reviews nominations and selects winner. Chair sent requests to all rural campus directors for traditional funding. See attached report from subcommittee.
6. Work from Staff Appreciation Committee to push activities of the day out to rural campuses.

7. Professional development for rural campus staff members to offset loss of institutional efficiency because of turnover.

Rural Affairs Subcommittee: Margaret “Peggy” Wood Award

Members: Ashley Munro, Loretto Jones, Richard Machida, Travis Brinzow

The nomination period opened in March of 2010. We received three nominations. One of those nominees was a Director of a campus and was ineligible for the award. From the remaining two nominations, the committee chose Gail Staudinger as the recipient.

Gail will receive a plaque for her to keep and her name will be added to the traveling plaque, which stays with the award winner’s campus throughout the next year. Pete Pinney will announce the award at the Staff Appreciation Day Longevity Award Ceremony on May 19. Gail will not be able to attend, but the ceremony will be web-streamed to areas outside of Fairbanks.

There is a lot of concern over the inconsistency of the award and the lack of guidelines from the CRCDDirectors. The CRCDDice Chancellor’s Office has been informed of these issues and will be working on creating new guidelines for the 2010-2011 award year. Bambi Nelson has agreed to be the contact to work on this project.

Elections, Membership, and Rules Committee

May 2010

May meeting:

- ⇒ Working on an attendance policy to supplement bylaws – Newman
- ⇒ Nominations are opened for the position of vice president
- ⇒ Request into OIT to have electronic mailing lists – Hope to have done soon – Wheeler
- ⇒ Looking at unit designations – We are trying to get staff numbers we want this to be equal and match in TKL's – Paul
- ⇒ AD-Hoc Communications into Advocacy Committee – in process

Current Members:

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✚ Ann Hovde	amhovde@alaska.edu	474-5164	Unit 9
✚ Gary Newman	gary@alaska.edu	474-1991	Unit 6
✚ Katrina Paul - Chair	klpaul@alaska.edu	474-5116	Unit 9
✚ Walker Wheeler	walker.wheeler@alaska.edu	474-7173	Unit 13

Goals for 2010:

- ✓ Membership
- ✓ Knowledge base of parliamentary procedures
- ✓ Unit designation reviews
- ✓ Increase participation in nominations and elections process
- ✓ Off-election new membership process education

Meeting Times for the remainder of 2010:

Rasmuson Library room 341 - Tuesdays at 1pm

- ◆ May 25th
- ◆ June 29th
- ◆ July 27th
- ◆ August 31st
- ◆ September 28th
- ◆ October 26th
- ◆ November 23rd
- ◆ No December meeting scheduled unless needed

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