

Rural Affairs Report for Staff Council Meeting #225

The Rural Affairs Committee met several times during the second week of February to work on the a motion relating to the geographic differential at UAF. The geo diff is additional pay based on location to account for cost of living, calculated as a certain percentage above base pay (Fairbanks, Anchorage, Juneau).

The State conducts a cost of living survey every five years. The most recent survey was done by the McDowell Group and is available online here:

<http://doa.alaska.gov/dop/gds/home.html>

The May 2011 issue of Alaska Economic Trends is focused on cost of living trends and contains relevant information for interested parties:

<http://labor.alaska.gov/trends/may11.pdf>