

Meeting Report – Rural Affairs

January 2013

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

10:00-11:00am

Attending: Brad Krick, Chair, Ashley Munro, Juella Sparks, Richard Machida, Jeannette Altman

Excused: Ben Tucker, Travis Brinzow, Evelyn Pensgard, Sara Battiest

Jeannette Altman was nominated and voted in as incoming Chair of Rural Affairs; the committee along with Jeannette thanked Brad Krick for his service as Chair for the past two years as well as his continuing service as committee member.

On January 10, Jeannette will make a brief presentation to the Directors of CRCDD at their monthly meeting. Our goal is to encourage participation and representation from other campuses. We are asking specifically for ways to reach out to our rural staff and notify them of upcoming Staff Council and Rural Affairs meetings, as well as find ways to identify and discuss top concerns of rural employees.

Additionally, a discussion has begun regarding different ways to identify these concerns; surveys, face-to-face meetings, and identifying natural leaders on each campus as conduits for this information were all suggested. A proposal to fund a trip to remote campuses for a Rural Affairs committee member is expected this spring.

Staff Council has a transportation budget for rural representatives; Jeannette has contacted Nicole for the status of that budget in order to get new representatives of Unit 1 to Fairbanks for Orientation this February.

Next Meeting (tentative): Tuesday, February 5, 10:00 am