University of Alaska Fairbanks Rural Affairs Committee  
2017 Annual Report

Committee Members

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Meeting Schedule

Second Wednesday of each month 2:00PM – 3:00PM

Scope of Work

1. Oversee the general welfare of the UAF community not residing on the Fairbanks campus. 
2. Monitor all activities affecting compliance with the College of Rural and Community Development mission statement of the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Agenda – Key Topics

• Nome Fiber Access – Following deployment of the Quintillion sub-sea fiber optic cable for high-speed Internet access at rural campuses.
• Rural Campus Speakers  
  a) Jennifer Elhard - Facility and Administrative Manager, Seward Marine Center – Addressed issues concerning R/V Sikuliaq crew leave and contracts.  
  b) Linda Joule - Director, Chukchi Campus – Reported issues arising from centralization of campus business office including impacts to services and timely payments to vendors.
• Summermester/Wintermester – Investigated access for staff at rural campuses.
• Rural Campus/Facility funding – Reported concerns about the impacts of budget cuts to rural campuses and facilities. 
• Initiate Department Safety Coordinator Program – Investigated ways to coordinate safety programs with rural campuses and facilities.

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