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Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication
Staff Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 20, 2000
1:00-3:00 PM – 311 Ag Hall

Present: Barbuto, Bell, Fairchild, Fritz, Husmann, James, King, Moody, Parsons

Fritz called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Husmann and seconded by Barbuto to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2000 staff meeting. Parsons suggested that a correction be made for clarification. The last sentence will be eliminated from the fifth paragraph on page two. Motion passed and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Moody told the group about recruitment workshops that will be held soon. The first one is on November 3. Faculty are encouraged to participate and give 45 minute presentations in the areas of leadership, teaching, and distance. Graduate assistants could help present. Students from Grand Island and Lincoln will be here on November 3rd. The next one will be held on November 9th.

Bell discussed the Internship Recruitment opportunity. We have \$1500 in the AgLEC budget to support an undergraduate student to coordinate undergraduate recruitment activities. Bell will send a memo to the undergraduate students to find out which student(s) might be interested.

Bell made a motion to approve the name and curriculum change of the Agricultural Education: Non-teaching Option to Agricultural Education: Agricultural Leadership Option. Parsons seconded. Discussion. Motion passed.

Barbuto discussed the proposal for a Specialization in Leadership Development and moved adoption of the specialization as presented. Discussion. King seconded. Motion passed. Fritz will attach a transmittal letter to the CASNR Curriculum Committee.

Husmann discussed Outreach activities. Information will be put on the web for faculty to review. Fritz commented that department heads have been discussing the Affiliate program and the fact that AgLEC's has flourished.

Parsons reminded faculty that ARFAs are due on Monday, November 20. Review dates have been set for the P&T committee.

Parsons provided a position update on the Ag Journalism faculty position. Fritz received a memo from Dean Waller yesterday. This position has been added to the list of IANR positions, but no new positions will be released in the near future. We feel it is a strong request and will continue to keep the pressure on in hopes that it will be released.

Fritz distributed the budget information sheets. Our copier expenses continue to be high. We also need to be concerned about copyright violations. Please continue to monitor your copier use and try to scale back as much as possible.

Fritz announced that the next Advisory Council meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15 (10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) at the East Campus Union. A draft agenda will be sent to faculty. Please let Betty know if you can attend at the times indicated for you on the agenda.

Fritz led the discussion of the October 2nd letter to Vice Chancellors, Deans, Directors, Departmental Chairpersons, and Faculty Members from L. Dennis Smith and the four Chancellors of the University of Nebraska. The letter asked for feedback from individual faculty members. Discussion. Fritz will send a letter from AgLEC describing what we do and what we can do in the future. We already have linkages across the state. Parsons suggested that someone from AgLEC should offer to serve on the Task Force that is being formed. Bell said that the Governor's Task Force on Agricultural and Natural Resources Education should be consulted or added to this Task Force. Barbuto pointed out that we are not marketing ourselves very well to the leaders of our university. They have no idea what our contributions are.

Fritz indicated that "Big Ideas" will be discussed at a special meeting set for Friday, November 3 (1:00-3:00 p.m.) in 311 Ag Hall.

Fritz announced that the new bulletin board and the other 3-seater for the landing have finally arrived. They were ordered by Earl Russell in June. The 2001 Spring Schedule contains many errors for AgLEC classes. Although worksheets are correctly marked, changes were not made by clerical staff in Registration and Records. Changes have been made in NRoll and on the web.

Fritz discussed the message from Dean Waller that included information about funding for ALEC 102 classes. CASNR will not continue to provide extra funding to AgLEC for these classes. We need to be thinking about how to use current faculty or consider alternatives. The CASNR Dean's office wants faculty presence in those classes. We need to be creative in how we teach our undergraduate classes. It needs to be a compromise because a good number of student credit hours are generated for CASNR from the ALEC 102 classes.

Fritz announced that she needs to share her advising duties. She currently has 16 students to advise and it is not working with her schedule. New assignments will be made and letters will be going out to those students.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by Betty James
October 23, 2000