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Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication
Staff Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 8, 2002
1:00-3:00 PM – 311 Ag Hall

Present: Barbuto, Barrett, Bell, Fairchild, Fleming, Fritz, Husmann, James, King, Moody, Rockwell

Fritz called the meeting to order. She is glad to be back and enjoyed the time in Moscow. Her month in Russia was one of the best professional development experiences she has ever had and recommends that faculty participate in some form or another. Additionally, she thanked Lloyd Bell for his leadership as acting Department Head.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2002, staff meeting. Motion passed.

Moody reported for the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. The cross listing of VAED 420/820, Improvement of Instructional Programs for Post-High-School Occupational Education, needs to be removed from course listings since these courses are no longer taught. The Department of Curriculum and Instruction faculty plans to delete VAED 420/820 and has asked for formal action from AgLEC faculty. Moody moved that VAED 420/820 be removed. Husmann seconded. Discussion. Motion passed. Moody announced that the committee is making good progress on the first draft of the Departmental Review document.

Barbuto reported for the Graduate Education and Faculty Research Committee. A special meeting has been scheduled for Friday, March 15, to work on the Departmental Review document. Faculty will be receiving requests for information from Carola.

Fairchild reported that the Outreach Committee is working on a variety of projects. Fleming reported that the new display boards are here and artwork is being completed for them. The displays will be ready for the April CDE events. Fritz asked the Outreach Committee to finalize Action Plan No. 2 by the April staff meeting.

Rockwell reported that the Promotion and Tenure Committee guidelines will be revised to bring them in line with IANR and UNL guidelines. These guidelines will be presented at a special faculty meeting on March 29th. Then the revised guidelines will be presented as an action item at the April staff meeting.

Fritz reported that a retreat has been scheduled for May 10th at Kay Rockwell's house to share drafts of the 5-Year Review document. Discussion. The plan is to hire someone to edit the document so it needs to be ready to go to the editor by June 1st.

Fritz distributed budget information and announced that the current budget is on target for this year.

King discussed the upcoming budget cuts for UNL. The state receipt forecasts are down and if projections hold true, it could mean additional budget cuts for UNL in the future. Additional projected budget cuts at this time for the University are likely to be 1-3%.

Fritz announced that Dan Wheeler will be joining AgLEC as a faculty member beginning July 1st. She will be working with him to finalize his position description and get him relocated in the Department.

Fritz reminded everyone that faculty from Southeast Community College-Beatrice will be visiting us on Friday, May 3, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Bell and Fairchild volunteered to help plan the agenda. The agenda will then be sent to Tom Duis for SCC reaction.

Announcements – There will be a NACTA departmental visit on June 19th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The Outreach Committee will plan a social event for this. The AgLEC Advisory Council will be meeting on Tuesday, April 2, from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Kevin Walker wrote Fritz a nice note about his week here in AgLEC and how he enjoyed interacting with everyone. Barbuto will be receiving the Junior Faculty Holling Award on March 13th. Advisory Advantage will be held on Tuesday, March 26, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The banquet for the undergraduate clubs will be held on Thursday, April 25, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at The Knolls.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by Betty James
March 18, 2002