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Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication
Staff Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 22, 2002
1:00-3:00 PM – 311 Ag Hall

Present: Barbuto, Barrett, Bell, Egger, Fairchild, Fleming, Fritz, Hamer, Husmann, James, Jorgensen, King, Parsons, Reimers, Strauss, Wheeler

Fritz called the meeting to order. Support staff joined the meeting and faculty gave updates on their current projects and activities. Fritz distributed the "Protocol for the Release of Information to Law Enforcement." Discussion.

Barbuto moved and Husmann seconded approval of the minutes of the October 18, 2002, staff meeting. Motion passed.

Bell reported for the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. They met this morning. There were no action items to bring forward to the faculty.

Barbuto reported for the Graduate Education and Faculty Research Committee. They also met this morning and admitted three new masters students. Also, the committee discussed doctoral student admission procedures. We have had more than 30 requests for graduate information since September.

Fleming reported for the Outreach Committee. They have met recently and discussed the departmental displays and other items.

Fritz gave an update on the Five-Year Review. Bob Moraczewski had a conflict in January; Eric Brown was not available either. We received approval from the Deans on two new names and Ron Arp has agreed to serve on the Review Team. He is a graduate of AgLEC.

Fritz distributed AgLEC's Quantitative Objectives to Achieve Excellence form. Discussion. Faculty will fill out the sheet with their own estimates and submit it to Fritz.

Husmann reported for the Teaching and Learning Faculty Task Force. They plan to meet a couple more times and their work will be done. The next meeting for the task force is scheduled for January 3 at 8:30 a.m.

Fritz distributed department budget updates. We recently brought a new color printer since the old one stopped working. Please use it sparingly since the color cartridges are expensive. We plan to buy a few new computers soon.

Fleming reported on the Advisory Council meeting that was held on November 12th. It was an excellent meeting. The next Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2003. Please mark your calendars.

Barrett discussed possible collaborations with Sandy Scofield and the Rural Initiative. A meeting will be scheduled for early January with AgLEC faculty, if possible.

King, Wheeler and Fritz discussed the new college discussions that have been conducted. Not everyone is supportive. Some people see research opportunities. Thematic groups are meeting to discuss what the new structure could offer them. Fritz has been attending the Career and Technical Education group. AgLEC will continue to collaborate. There is a website where white papers have been posted (www.unl.edu/newcollege).

Wheeler and King presented state and university budget scenarios and a discussion list for AgLEC. The department review is a tool for us to be more focused. We need to build our own message. Darrell Nelson will be asked to speak to faculty on Friday, December 6th.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Submitted by Betty James
November 26, 2002