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Formal Recognition of Museum Committee 1993

Tractor Museum

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TO: Vice Chancellor Bill Splinter
Dr. Dale Vanderholm

SUBJECT: Agricultural Tractor Test and Power Museum Committee

Since I assume this is an IANR related activity, I would appreciate your providing me with some background information as to the recommendation submitted by Glenn Hoffman in his letter of February 10, 1993. If it is to become a standing committee, I assume we will need to develop some guidelines as to who appoints the members and who they report to.

Your assessment would be appreciated.

Irvin T. Omtvedt
Vice Chancellor

enclosure

c: Dr. Glenn Hoffman
Dean Darrell Nelson w/enclosure

Bill
With your background and experience, it seems your insight will be very critical in evaluating this possibility. I assume your involvement is based on professional expertise rather than being VC for Research but let me know if you thought it needed to be broader than IANR from UNL's perspective.
February 18, 1993

Memo to: Dr. Glenn Hoffman, Head, Biological Systems Eng.

From: Dr. Bill Splinter, Vice Chancellor for Research

Subject: Tractor Museum Committee

I am unaware of a requirement for a formal recognition process for the Tractor Museum Committee although it might be constituted as one of the IANR committees. This would be a matter you should discuss with Dr. Omtvedt.

With regards to the Nebraska State Museum in Morrill Hall, there is a "Friends of the Museum" committee, which includes faculty as well as State Senators, that serves as a social as well as fund raising entity. The membership would exceed 600 and includes sub groups centered around the Ashfall dig near Orchard, NE and the Trailside Museum near Crawford. They have set up as a 501c(3) organization and have no official tie to the University. You might talk with Hugh Genoways about the process.

c: Dr. Omtvedt
April 2, 1993

FAX to: Fred Chase
From: Bill Splinter

I visited with Dr. Hugh Genoways about your proposed memo. As Director of the State Museum he is the most knowledgeable about such operations.

We agree that the separation of interests should be addressed at the next meeting of the Board. Hugh is not supportive of having a non-University related person in charge of the Tractor Test Museum since they need to have access to campus support resources. However, the person who is Chairman of the Advisory Committee should definitely be non-University.

At any rate I encourage you to send your comments to the Tractor Test Committee for discussion on April 15.