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October 2004 - Staff Meeting Minutes
Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication  
Staff Meeting Minutes  
Friday, October 22, 2004  
311 Ag Hall  

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

Fritz called the staff meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.  King moved and Barrett seconded approval of the minutes for the September 24, 2004, staff meeting.  Motion passed.

Old business was moved to the end of the meeting (if there is time).  King reported that we still need items for the newsletter.  Please send them to Barbara as soon as possible.

Fleming reported on Masters Week – Ron Arp will be here October 27-29.  AgLEC and Ag Economics are hosting a dinner for him on Thursday, October 28, as part of the activities.

Fleming discussed plans and the agenda for the AgLEC Advisory Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday, November 10.  Fritz asked faculty to make it a priority to attend.

Barrett reported for the Promotion and Tenure Committee.  eARFAs are due November 8th. Problems are being fixed as they are identified by faculty using the system so please let them know if you are having problems entering your information.

Bell reported for the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.  We will be teaching ALEC 134 at NCTA via polycom starting next fall.  Students there will be able to bank the credit hours.  If they register for the class through UNL, they will have to pay tuition to UNL so they probably will not be doing it that way.  Also, the recruitment report from Micky was encouraging.

Husmann reported for the Graduate Education and Research Committee.  A draft of the new graduate brochure is in your mailbox.  Please give it back to Barbara with your suggestions/corrections by Friday, October 29.  New procedure forms have been developed for applying to our masters and doctoral programs.  Husmann reported that we have received a $2,500 recruiting grant from Graduate Studies.  We have also been awarded one Larson Fellowship, four Graduate Non-Resident Tuition Fellowship, and two Centennial Fellowship for 2005-06. These fellowships must be allocated by May 31, 2005.

King asked faculty to do a statistics check in Blackboard and report when students are using Blackboard the least.  They are trying to find the best times to do the system updates.  Also, keep doing your IRBs.

Fritz distributed the departmental budget report as of September 30.  We are doing well and will be ordering flash drives for those needing them.  Also, Fritz is hoping to fund some graduate assistantships for next spring from her salary savings.
Fritz and Fleming met with Darrell Nelson and then Elbert Dickey to discuss funding the Ag Journalism faculty position. Discussions continue but it is hoped to have a faculty position that has .75 FTE in teaching and .25 FTE in research or extension (depending upon the applicant's strengths).

A meeting to discuss AgLEC’s Gallup Climate Survey results has been set for Friday, November 12, at 10:00 a.m.

Fleming is working on gathering the information and preparing the document to submit AgLEC for the University-wide Departmental Teaching Award. It is due Monday, October 25.

**Next staff meeting – Friday, November 19**

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Submitted by Betty James
Friday, October 29, 2004