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Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication
Staff Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 8, 2005
311 Ag Hall

Present: Barbuto, Barrett, Fairchild, Fleming, Fritz, James, King, Moody, Trudeau, Wheeler

Fritz called the staff meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Wheeler moved and King seconded approval of the minutes of the March 11, 2005, staff meeting. Motion passed.

Fritz asked everyone to share with the group good things that have happened since the last staff meeting.

Fritz discussed the status of the UNL Strategic Plan. Information from IANR went forward as a draft. College plans will be shared across UNL in the coming weeks.

Barrett reported for the Promotion and Tenure Committee. Barbuto moved that we table the motion to revise department expectations of performance in teaching until the May staff meeting. Wheeler seconded. Motion passed.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee report – Fleming and Moody discussed experiences at the Big Red Road Show in western Nebraska that was held on Saturday, March 19.

Barrett reported for the Graduate Education and Research Committee. The committee is working on a leadership matrix. Discussion. Barbuto moved and King seconded that we request Graduate Studies to offer a full complement of graduate entrance exams on the UNL campus. Motion passed with unanimous approval. Fritz will draft a letter to Graduate Studies. The Graduate Retreat will be held on May 19 at the Fritz home. Details to follow.

Fritz distributed the departmental budget information as of March 31. We are doing fine this fiscal year and will be ordering a few new computers soon. Also, Fritz is exploring the idea of offering some partial summer graduate assistantships. Please send requests by e-mail for specific summer graduate student help.

Fritz discussed the Ag Journalism faculty position. It has been advertised in the Chronicle of Higher Education and several other places. The ad placement in the Chronicle was very good. Applications will be reviewed beginning May 2.

Arnold Bateman has scheduled a meeting with departments and Extended Education and Outreach (EE&O) on April 12 to discuss how faculty and staff can work better with EE&O. Dann Husmann will attend for AgLEC.

Nancy Grudens-Schuck from Iowa State University will be visiting on April 26-27. Her schedule will be distributed soon. She will present a seminar entitled "Does Assessment Improve Learning?" on Tuesday, April 26, at the East Campus Union.

Fairchild discussed the Cyber Fair and many exciting things dealing with continued funding. It focuses on technology and will be used as a recruitment center for UNL.

Fritz reported that at least two contacts have been made to agri-businesses who may be interested in helping design an "executive in residence" program in AgLEC. Bell and Barbuto will report back in May.

We will be submitting an IANR equipment request for technology updates in the classroom.

Announcements – Please plan to attend the coffee with IANR administration on Wednesday, April 20 (8:30-9:00 a.m.), in the reception area of 300 Ag Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Mark your calendars –

Next staff meeting – Friday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted by Betty James

April 15, 2005