May 2005 - Staff Meeting Minutes
Present: Barbuto, Fritz, James, King, Moody, Trudeau, Wheeler

Fritz called the staff meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Fritz discussed the Strategic Planning process at the campus level. The IANR Strategic Plan will roll up into a UNL plan.

King reported for the Graduate Education and Research Committee. The Graduate Retreat will be held on May 19 at the Fritz home. Items for discussion are the leadership matrix, graduate assessment, USB, written comps – masters and doctoral. The possibility of purchasing a mailing list is being investigated so we can mail out the graduate brochure while it is still new and up-to-date.

Fritz distributed the departmental budget information as of April 30. 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. We have received four or five applications and the search committee will be meeting next week. We are still going for a July 1st start date.

Fritz and Bell met with Dennis Holstein to discuss ideas for an “executive in residence” program in AgLEC.

Fritz discussed course coverage challenges – staffing challenges. The ethics course for fall needs to be covered. We currently have 45 students enrolled. ALEC 233 will be cancelled. The Cooperative Extension minor needs to be marketed. Three sections of ALEC 102 are not covered. Moody will possibly have a 70/30 split appointment with Student Involvement and AgLEC for next year. It is hoped that the new ag journalism faculty person will be able to teach ALEC 134 eventually.

The fall faculty retreat will be held on Tuesday, August 16 – all day.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by Betty James
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