May 2006 - Staff Meeting Minutes
Wheeler called the staff meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2006, staff meeting. Motion passed.

Graduate Student Association (GSA) Update – Moss. A kick-off ice cream social is scheduled for Monday, August 21, which is the first day of fall classes. The goal for GSA is to have three activities per semester for graduate students.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – Bell. The committee met this morning. Air Force ROTC is asking that a class be considered for substitution into our minor. It was tabled since Barbuto was absence. What is the best way to handle these requests? Discussion. The Undergraduate retreat will be held on Monday, July 31, at Waverly High School. The Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences has approved NUTR courses for cross listing with ALEC courses as part of the new Hospitality, Restaurant and Tourism Management major. The AgLEC Undergraduate Curriculum Committee has recommended approval. Discussion. King moved and Barrett seconded the motion to accept this recommendation. Motion passed.

Graduate Education and Research Committee – King. The graduate faculty retreat will be held on June 9th at Wheeler's home.

Faculty Advisory Committee. Meeting today.

CASNR Curriculum Committee – Barrett & Husmann. The ACE program is being eliminated and is being replaced by the Justin Smith Morrill Scholars program. It will include ALEC 102 and other items developed in the Alliance program. Husmann will send out the revised PEARL timeline. PEARL for graduate students will be phased in over three years.

Academic Senate – King. Ali Moeller will be president of the Academic Senate this coming year. There is a proposal for graduate student government to receive $30,000 from the student budget. It may weaken student government at UNL.

Department Retreat – Wheeler. Discussion. Date for the faculty retreat was set for Tuesday, August 15. Bell, Husmann, and King volunteered to help plan the retreat.

Summer Schedules – Wheeler. Wheeler will be in Seoul, Korea, teaching at the Sookmyung Women's University from June 14 through July 8. King will be acting department head during his absence.
**Budget Update** – Enrollment as UNL wasn’t as good as anticipated and energy costs were higher also. UNL is trying to cash flow things right now to cover budget items. Wheeler distributed copies of department expenditures through April 30.

**Ag Ed Distance Consortium** – The plan is to configure ALEC 801 and 807 to use with the consortium. Iowa State hopes to be ready with their courses by September.

**Faculty/Staff Raises** – The Deans are meeting this week to discuss proposed raises.

**Announcements/Updates** – Wheeler asked for ideas for a Servant Leadership conference in Lincoln next May or June.

Husmann distributed information from the CASNR Dean's office concerning substitutions and waivers granted by departments. The Dean's office wants faculty to look at the trends to see if any changes need to be made in the curriculum.

Matkin distributed examples of some of the AgLEC promotional items that have been ordered. These will be used for recruiting new students.

**P&T Committee – Barrett.** A letter was sent to recent doctoral graduates about possible courtesy or adjunct appointments with AgLEC. The committee met recently to review information from these graduates. Seven people applied and five have been accepted. Letters will be sent to Jeff Hart, Kay Lynn Kalkowski, Sandra Sattler Weber, Kelli Smith, and Shirley Trout.

Next staff meeting will be **Friday, September 22 – 10:00 a.m.**

Meeting adjourned at noon.

Submitted by Betty James
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