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Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication
Staff Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 14, 2008
311 Ag Hall

Present: Bell, Etling, Gunawan, Harding, Husmann, James, King, Kraft, Latta, Matkin, Moody, Pennisi, Phipps, Smola, Wheeler

Wheeler called the staff meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Approval of Minutes – Husmann moved to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2008, staff meeting. Matkin seconded.

Announcements – We have received some equipment funds from IANR to help with the purchase of a digital camera. During the CDE/FFA events, we will be hosting a Hospitality Room at the Cornhusker Hotel. A sheet will be posted by the mailboxes for volunteer hosts to sign-up. It is a good chance to meet the Ag Ed teachers. Kudos to Kelly Phipps and Joana Story on their presentations at LPS for the Global Language Learning Community. They did a very good job.

Department Searches – Husmann reported that the interviews for Department Head are progressing. The second candidate is on campus today. Dr. Greg Miller from Iowa State will be here March 31-April 1st. The fourth candidate is scheduled to be here April 7-8.

Staff Update – Wheeler announced that Barbara Rietsch is retiring and her last day in AgLEC will be March 27. We will be looking to hire another temporary staff member. Bennetch and Hamer are progressing, but don't expect to be back in the office until May or June.

CASNR Curriculum Representative – Barrett's term is ending, and Matkin will be our new representative.

Course Coverage for Fall – Wheeler announced that we are still looking for someone to teach the ethics course. Students would like to have a teacher who has an ag background. ALEC 305 is scheduled to be taught this fall.

Teaching Award Plans – Bell reported that applications for using these funds are available from Ellis.

Student Recruitment – Smola reported that a mailing will be going out to high school juniors soon. The current enrollment for fall is 18 Ag Ed, 11 Ag Journalism, and 7 HRTM students. AgLEC's website will be updated to include information about the new Industrial Tech Education major.

Advisory Council Meeting – Wheeler distributed agendas for the meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 16. The Libertyville classroom simulation for ALEC 202 is part of the agenda.

Achievement Center – Bell is the consultant for the college to write proposals for courses. Several courses are proposed for practice sessions including ALEC 102, 202, 302, 388/410, 466/866. Courses should be ready by June 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Next staff meeting will be April 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted by Betty James

April 7, 2008