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Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication (AgLEC)
Staff Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 9, 2009
311 Ag Hall

Present: Mark Balschweid, Jay Barbuto, Kathy Bennetch, Heather Borck, Jason Ellis, Dick Fleming, Dann Husmann, Betty James, Jim King, Tom Kraft, Gina Matkin, Tammy Meyer, Lisa Pennisi, Mike Wilmot, Judith Wolfe

Balschweid called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Ellis and seconded by Husmann to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2009, staff meeting. Motion passed.

CSREES Review – Fleming reported the internal work team met on October 2nd. Draft program reports or an outline are due by October 16th. Balschweid said the reason for this deadline is so we can get the Advisory Council input at the October 28th meeting. Fleming asked faculty to put the information on the T: drive.

AgLEC Reorganization – Balschweid announced that the joint social committee has planned the picnic that will be held today (noon-2:00 p.m.) at the CIT building. The formal date for the new unit to start is July 1, 2010.

International Study Abroad – Ellis reported the May 2010 study abroad class to England is in the planning stages. Deposits from students are due the end of November. Currently, there are eight or nine students on the list.

2009 AAAE Research Conference – Husmann thanked everyone who helped with the conference. Everything went very well. Bell is now planning the national conference which will be held in Omaha in May 2010.

AgLEC Strategic Plan – Balschweid announced he will be putting the material discussed at the last staff meeting together in a draft strategic plan.

Update on Searches: HRTM and State Ag Ed Specialist – Currently, these two faculty positions are being advertised on the UNL website. The HRTM position closes after the first of the year, and the ag ed specialist position closes in December.

Announcements – Wilmot announced that the next Undergraduate Recruitment meeting will be held on October 21st at 10:00 a.m. These meetings are open to everyone.

King announced that if you want to get a regular flu shot this year, do it soon. Supplies may be limited.

Ellis announced that Paige Bek will be giving her Internship presentation today at 2:00 p.m. Her topic is the Nebraska Corn Board.

Matkin discussed the Croatia trip that Balschweid, Etling, and Nora Spath just returned from. People in Croatia are very interested in faculty exchanges with us. They are also interested in having their graduate students have Internships here in the United States.

Fleming distributed a list of departmental committees for the 2009-2010 year. He asked the committees to meet right after this meeting to decide on the chairs for each committee.

Ellis announced that he received word a recent USDA grant he submitted has been funded.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Next staff meeting will be November 13, 2009

Submitted by Betty James
October 23, 2009