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ALEC Faculty Meeting January 20, 2012

Present: Cheryl Alberts, Mark Balschweid, Kathy Bennetch, Dick Fleming, Mary Garbacz, Lindsay Hastings, Dann Husmann, Lisa Jasa, Lana Johnson, Matt Kreifels, Marianne Lorensen, Gina Matkin, L.J. McElravy, Judy Nelson, Jennifer Schoen, Roger Terry, Judith Wolf and Malika Yadgarova.

The Faculty Meeting minutes from November 11, 2011 were approved.

Old Business

ALEC 2011-12 Committee Structure - It was proposed by the faculty that two new committees be added to the Department Committee list: International Activities Committee and Research Committee. Those two committees will start in 2012-13. Wolf indicated a Departmental Library Liaison is needed. Anyone interested in serving on any of the committees, please contact Kathy. McElravy asked if a graduate student can serve on the graduate committee. Discussion followed regarding conflict of interest and voting privileges of the graduate student representative. Further investigation is necessary on this request. A motion to accept the committee assignments as modified was approved.

New Business

Adjunct Faculty Appointments - Balschweid indicated at the end of five years a review of the courtesy and adjunct appointments for those who have present affiliations is needed. Two requests for adjunct status were received from Rich Katt and Cory Epler. Rich is the director of Nebraska Career and Technical Education, and has had an adjunct status in ALEC since 1996. For a renewal only, the Promotion & Tenure Committee needs to vote on this request. The P & T Committee approved Rich Katt's renewal request.

Cory Epler is the deputy state director of Nebraska Career Education in the Nebraska Department of Education. Discussion followed about his qualifications and collaborative efforts in the future. The Promotion & Tenure Committee and the ALEC Department approved his request for adjunct status in ALEC.

Glenn Williams – Advisory Council - Husmann presented Glenn Williams' name for consideration as a new Advisory Council member. Williams is Dean of Southeast Community College and has been instrumental in helping ALEC develop the new Skilled and Technical Science (Industrial Ed) major and the 2+2 program. Discussion followed about the benefits of his appointment. Glenn Williams was approved as a representative on the ALEC Advisory Council for the Skilled and Technical Sciences area.

AAAE National Research Agenda – Balschweid shared the recently adopted National Research Agenda from the American Association for Agricultural Education. Dr. Bell was national president of AAAE when the first AAAE National Research Agenda was established in 2007 and was involved with its development. Balschweid indicated that it is important to be aware of this research agenda (with six priorities) as ALEC moves forward with grant opportunities, other research projects, and strategic planning. There is strong correlation with happenings in the Institute and Ronnie Green's initiatives in IANR's 2025 as well as in the USDA. AAAE's website is: <http://aaaeonline.org/nationalresearchagenda.php>.

Committee Reports

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – Matkin reported there are 4 applicants to the Ph.D. program and 11 in the Masters program. The deadline is February 1 and the review process has started.

ALEC Recruitment and Retention – Schoen reported the December graduation had 11 graduate, 6 Ag Ed, 3 Ag Journalism, and 2 HRTA students graduating. March 4 is the Big Red Road Show in Omaha.

Announcements

Balschweid indicated for the fiscal year 2010-11 ALEC had \$248,000 in grant dollars generated. Monday will be a major announcement regarding a very large multi-disciplinary, multi-state \$25 million grant. Husmann and Cannon are a part of this grant with the education and risk management sectors. Also, Dr. Ellis at K-State was a contributor as well.

Ed Media is having a customer appreciation lunch today at 11:30 – 1:30.

The meeting was adjourned.