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## IANR Faculty Forum

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UNL Thank you!  
Thank the Commission Council Forum -  
IAND Faculty  
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## 1) How we got here - the budget situation:

\*April 2001, best budget in years; made financial commitments based on that budget

\*revenue shortfalls began - between October 2001 and August 2002, three cuts; nearly \$4 million permanently gone from IANR budget - corresponding \$4 million need didn't disappear

\*IANR 27 percent of UNL's state-aided budget; cuts proportional

\*second round, decision to cut vertically; combination of vertical/across-the-board ever since;

\* last round (third), debated at least 30 different scenarios -- chose those believe will do *least* long-term damage to Nebraska; now have to look at others, earlier judged even worse

\*Executive Vice President and Provost Jay Noren quoted in *Omaha World-Herald* as saying university faces an estimated \$18 million increases in 'insurance', need-based scholarship expenses, "other costs" next school year - further cuts to accommodate

\*IANR administration shouldered over \$500,000 of the slightly over \$2 million cut in the last round of budget cuts - almost 26 percent; through all three rounds, 18.5 percent from admin

\*expect Legislature will develop combination of cuts and new revenue sources; don't know at this time what will be; everyone from Regents down working to lower governor's proposed university cut and its impact on Nebraska

2) Our good work needed now, more than ever, by Nebraska - "huge needs" drought and current economic situation placing upon our constituents and Nebraska

\*Thank you for responding gallantly -- here are a few examples of good news we must celebrate, knowing there are many, many more

\*During fiscal year 2002, ARD faculty obtained \$37.1 million in grant and contract funds (43.9 percent of all UNL research grant dollars) which included \$27.1 million in federal funds.

- (federal funds "coin of the realm; almost all rankings based on amount of federal funds received, including NSF rankings, membership in AAU, etc." Can see we are very competitive at the federal level; ARD has traditionally obtained from 40-50 percent of all UNL research dollars.; Darrell said "most ag experiment stations would account for only 10-20 percent of research dollars on their campuses.")

\*Last fiscal year Cooperative Extension Division faculty obtained \$10.5 million in grants to enhance development and delivery of programs - an all-time high for grants earned by extension faculty. Extension now ranks fourth in bringing grants and contracts to UNL, behind ARD, the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Engineering and Technology.

\*Other grants brought in by Conservation and Survey Division, Nebraska Forest Service, Arboretum

\*It's not all about dollars - also about enhancing lives and quality of life

- wonderful teaching and mentoring - need to be clear to students and parents that a good, strong education is available here, despite these cuts



- exciting, innovative, valuable research, "teaching" and extension education in food, agriculture and agribusiness systems, natural resources, and human resources, "including" families, communities, youth

"WE SOLVE PROBLEMS!"

\*122,000 youth involved in 4-H in 2002

\*LB1206 in 1998, \$250,000 a year for *E. coli* research

\*new freshman enrollment in CASNR increased 18.4 percent this fall

\*in January chancellor endorsed combining College of Human Resources and Family Sciences and Teachers College faculty into new college to focus on strengthening families, schools, communities

### 3) What can you do?

\*treat each other kindly, cut each other slack, knowing everyone affected, deal with differently

\*continue to focus on our work; while significant cuts made, significant resources remain, excellence expected by us and our constituents

\*respond when asked for help in providing information, talking with people

\*You are doing good work. You are making us proud in difficult, difficult times.

Thank you.

IF YOU CAN'T SIGN UP FOR THAT CHALLENGE,  
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE LEAVING  
THE INSTITUTE BEHIND.

\* why is  
= Strategic Planning important? : : :  
NOW WE'RE GOING TO SERVE SOME  
CLIENTELLE DIFFERENTLY.

WE ARE "PROBLEM SOLVERS"

WE ALL ARE GOING TO CHANGE TOGETHER.