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**ALEC Faculty Meeting
Minutes
January 21, 2011**

Present: Cheryl Alberts, Mark Balschweid, Lloyd Bell, Kathy Bennetch, Jason Ellis, Patricia Fairchild, Dick Fleming, Dann Husmann, Kurtis Harms, Lisa Jasa, Carolyn Johnsen, Lana Johnson, Jim King, Sandi Karstens, Bob Losee, Gina Matkin, Dan Moser, Judy Nelson, Pam Peters, Vishal Singh, Roger Terry, Kathy Bennetch, Travis Searle, and Mike Wilmot.

Approval of Minutes – Husmann moved to approve the October 8 ALEC Faculty meeting minutes. Seconded by Matkin. Approved.

Old Business

NIFA Extended Review - The Academic Planning Committee (APC) would like ALEC's response to the external review in April or May. Balschweid took the 30-page external review document and cut/pasted out of it the recommendations and assigned them into the structure already in place in the department, i.e., undergraduate student issues to the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, graduate student issues and research to the Graduate Committee, etc. Some areas do not have a formal structure so individuals volunteered to lead or be a member of the group discussing the subject, i.e., development/financial, international, diversity.

Diversity Recommendations: Matkin (Chair), Husmann, Singh, King, Kang

International Recommendations: Balschweid (Chair), Matkin, Husmann, Boren, Kang, Terry

Development/Financial Recommendations: Balschweid (Chair), Enochs, Fleming, Husmann, Hastings

Integration of CIT Staff Recommendations: Balschweid (Chair), Terry, Jasa, Karstens, Ellis, Nelson

Feedback is to be given to Dr. Balschweid by February 18.

Instructional Improvement Plan (IIP) - This fall ALEC faculty approved ALEC's IIP to assist the Ed Media faculty, with teaching appointments, with assistance both informal and formal. The CASNR winter teaching workshops would be an example of items to attend.

Industrial Technology – Husmann announced the establishment of a 2 plus 2 program with Southeast Community College at Milford and Lincoln. Students can earn their associate's degree in applied science at SECC then transfer to UNL (final two years) to complete their certification program in Skilled and Technical Sciences (formally Industrial Technology). This means ALEC will have a formal connection with over 400 teachers in the state of Nebraska. ALEC will be involved with Class A schools for the first time. This serves a huge need across the state. Metro Community College, Northeast Community College, Central Community college also are interested and will follow once the contract has been approved by the Vice Chancellor. Announcements will be sent out across the state about this unique program.

New Business

Advisory Council - Fleming announced that all the present Advisory Council members would like to continue. The question is who would you like to add to represent the Ed Media Communication area? Husmann, asked if Industrial Technology representatives would be needed also. Fleming recommended

he submit names for consideration. Terry mentioned the Marketing area in Ed Media should have a representative and he will submit names for consideration. If faculty have names and contact information to submit, please give them to Fleming within next the two weeks.

New/Existing ALEC Courses in computer technology and other media offered by Ed Media faculty –Ed Media was contacted about needing to fill in for AGRI 271, Intro to Computers, course because the instructor is leaving. This opened up an opportunity to begin thinking about what courses Ed Media faculty specialists could teach and serve a need to update these technology courses. This is a starting point for discussion, i.e., Life Ray, web programming, video photography, other partnerships, communication writing.

IANR for 2025 – Where does ALEC fit? – Balschweid outlined some of Vice Chancellor Green’s report and stressed that ALEC faculty need to think about what makes us relevant to the Institute and to the state. This is an opportunity for ALEC to participate in this process and he encouraged the faculty to make themselves available to share their voice at the table. A question was raised about asking Vice Chancellor Green to come to a future faculty meeting.

Staffing ALEC Hospitality Room for State FFA Convention – Fleming asked for volunteers to help staff the Hospitality Room at the convention held April 6 - 8. Ag teachers from across the state come to this area and this is an opportunity to recruit and build good relationships between the teachers and faculty. Fleming will send a note seeking volunteers in March.

ALEC in Action Newsletter – Alberts indicated the new departmental newsletter, *ALEC in Action*, will be ready by the end of February. It will be sent to alumni, ag educators, extension offices, state agencies and other contacts across the state.

Addition – David Kwaw-Mensah - Balschweid announced that David Kwaw-Mensah’s appointment was made possible from grant funding for a 1 ½ year appointment. He will help write grants and teach courses.

Committee Reports

Promotion and Tenure – Bell reported they did not receive any requests for promotion; however, they were involved in the evaluation process.

Graduate Committee – King announced the admissions deadline is the 1st of February and all submissions will be electronically received with the new software program, GAMES.

ALEC Recruitment and Retention – Wilmot reported 15 new students: 6 Ag Education, 3 Ag Journalism, and 6 Hospitality Tourism.

Announcements

Big Red Road Show is February 13 at the Quest Center.

ALEC Shirt order due 1/24

Husker Harvest Days theme is: *Inspiring Young Nebraskans*.

Submitted by Kathy Bennetch