The Committee of Professors met on October 11 via wisline. Duerst reported there was one letter of intent was received. A review of the requirements and application procedures for rank of Professor for the four Cooperative Extension Academic Departments was done. Further discussion about our department’s requirement for one publication by the Department of Youth Development will be held. Consideration is being given to allowing publication in other relevant journals and similar types of publications to those currently allowed.

The Committee continued their discussion on how to best encourage and support deserving department members achieve the rank of professor. In reviewing the qualifications and department member achievements, the main barrier from the information we have at this point is publishing a paper in the Department of Youth Development. An online survey was sent to department members to gain further insight on what would be motivating reasons to become a professor, check list of requirements, perceived level of internal support, potential barriers, needed support and how you would like to learn more. We will have a table during the November program area conference resource fair to share more information and utilize that information from the survey to offer additional opportunities.

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