

Department of Youth Development Chair Update
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July – October 2008

Cooperative Extension Administrative Council – July, September, October
Discussion topics – Communicating value, New information and knowledge system, Employee recognition, Impacts and implications of the economic downturn, State & county budgets, Cross-program initiatives, Welcome to Christine Quinn (UW-Extension Provost and Vice Chancellor) and John Shutske (Program Director and Associate Dean for Ag and Natural Resources Extension), Internal recruitment, Searches for CNRED Director & Northern District Director, Four Day work week, Farm bill
CEAC members, minutes, and schedule are located at
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/admin/committees/committee.cfm?committeeid=2>

Academic Department Chairs - September
Discussion topics – Tenure forum and tenure orientation, Administrative support letters, 4-year tenure application rule, Retired faculty academic folders, Department budgets, Extension Associate education plan

Academic Leadership Standing Committee – September
Discussion topics - Purpose of committee, UW Cooperative Extension strategic plan, Criteria for merit salary increases, Reports from the Dean and each of the 5 groups represented on the committee
ALSC mission, members and minutes are at
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/admin/committees/committee.cfm?committeeid=3>

Tenured Faculty Review Committee – September
Review of process, procedures and candidates, set April 2009 review dates, Communicate review procedures and dates with candidates

Vice Chair Teleconferences – September, October
Discussion topics - Role of Vice Chairs, District staffing, Academic Staff update, Tenured Faculty Review, Nominating process, VISTA positions, Department strategic plan
Agendas and minutes are located at
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/department/committees/listallcommittees.cfm>

Leadership Forum – October
Discussion topics - National 4-H Hall of Fame nominee from Wisconsin, Farm Bill, Staffing

Legal Issues Forum – October
Discussion topics – Basic principles for dealing with potential legal problems, Recruiting and hiring faculty, Making renewal/nonrenewal and tenure decisions, Workplace climate, civility and discipline, Free speech and academic freedom

Other

- Input on Day of Learning planning
- Website updates
- Assigning rank to perspective candidates
- Sending promotion requests to the Dean's office
- Addressing questions from department members