

UW-Extension
Department of Agriculture/Agbusiness
Meeting Minutes October 30, 2002

The Department of Agriculture/Agbusiness met at the Alaskan Motor Inn in Mauston on October 30, 2002. Chairman James Fanta called the meeting to order at 1:29pm. He reminded department members to complete state travel expense forms and mail them to Ginny Connors.

Ken Bolton was appointed Department Secretary for 2002-03. The minutes of the April 9, 2002 meeting were unanimously approved as corrected on a motion by Keith Vander Velde, seconded by Ken Barnett.

Mr. Fanta announced the promotion of James Faust, Dennis Frame and Vance Haugen from Associate Professor to Professor; Paul Dietmann, Arden Hardie, Matt Hanson and Scott Reuss from Assistant to Associate Professor and Laura Paine, Tina Struyk and Matt Jorgenson from Instructor to Assistant Professor. Jon Zander has also been moved to Tenure Track as Instructor from his Academic Staff position.

Randy Knapp reported on the main topics being dealt with by the University Committee and Faculty Senate.

Ken Barnett, Scott Hendrickson and Greg Andrews delivered reports from the standing committees of the department. Mr. Barnett announced that the Standards Rank & Promotion Committee expected to review portfolios from Patty Nagai and Kevin Schoessow. Scott Hendrickson reported that the Committee of Professors typically meets in January to consider portfolios of candidates for promotion. He also announced his impending retirement and, as a result, the need to fill the position of chairperson of this committee. Chairman Fanta recommended that the Committee of Professors elect Mr. Hendrickson's replacement. Discussion followed on the need to limit the size of the committee to consider promotions.

Mr. Fanta also referred the membership to the new Department website <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/ag/department/index.html> for access to Departmental documents.

The Chairman moved agenda item ten up on the agenda, announcing that retired faculty members Dennis Dornfeld, Don Drost, Tod Planer and Jack Trzebiatowski have requested emeritus status from the Department. A motion was made by Keith Vander Velde and seconded by Greg Andrews to grant emeritus status to these four faculty members. Motion passed on a unanimous ballot.

Ad Hoc Committee reports were made by Ken Bolton, David Fischer and Laura Paine. Mr. Bolton delivered the report for the Department Mission and Purpose Committee announcing that a recommendation would be made at the spring meeting of the Department. Mr. Fischer reported on the work of the Department Staffing Committee. A motion to adopt the recommendations of the committee was made by Nolan Anderson and seconded by Ken Bolton. Discussion included clarification on specifics of the proposed staffing recommendation for county positions and a recommendation that area positions,

including Discovery Farm and research station personnel, be considered in the position paper as well. The committee's recommendation for the Department's Staffing policy passed on a unanimous ballot with a recommendation for the committee to continue fine tuning the document. Laura Paine reported on the work of the Department Head Scholarship consideration for promotion in the Department and recommended that the guidelines could be incorporated into existing Departmental documents. Much discussion ensued. Greg Andrews moved to postpone action on the committee's recommendation to a future meeting of the Department. The motion was seconded by Paul Hartman and passed on a voice declaration with two dissenting votes.

Mr. Fanta announced the administration's acceptance of the revised Department Bylaws. The Bylaws, as approved, are located on the Department website.

The Chairman then lead a discussion of the Department's possible involvement in upcoming search and screen committee(s) work to fill administrative positions. A consensus was declared as a result of said discussion that the Department needs to be active in these important processes. Mr. Fanta then reviewed the Department's policy to meet face-to-face at least twice each year and the potential problem arising relative to a new WAEP meeting schedule of two versus three days. Options may include holding departmental meetings separate from the WAEP Conference. A separate meeting could include time for Department members to present scholarly work to colleagues. As a result of feedback offered, the Chairman will work towards continuing to convene two meetings each year.

Chairman Fanta adjourned the meeting by declaration at 3:17pm.