

Department of Agriculture/Agribusiness Meeting
April 5, 2011
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Room – Expo 3A
Holiday Inn Convention Center
Stevens Point WI

Agenda

1. Call to order and certification of WI open meeting law compliance – Bob Cropp, Chair
 - Meeting was called to order by chairman Bob Cropp at 1:05pm
2. Meeting appointments
 - Mahlon Peterson was appointed parliamentarian
 - Steve Huntzicker will serve as secretary
3. Approve October 21, 2010 minutes
 - Motion was made by Keith VanderVelde, seconded by Randy Knapp to approve the minutes. The motion was approved

Standing Committee Reports –

4. The SRP Committee Report given by Bill Halfman, committee chair
 - All 4 candidates for this year were approved for tenure. (Kristin Krokowsk, Paul Dyke, Jason Fischbach, and VJ Pandian)
 - The committee discussed moving forward with electronic documents. It was approved to accept electronic documents by the committee; however the secondary and primary readers will still get hard copies. A workgroup of Bill Halfman, Randy Thompson, Steve Huntzicker and Greg Johll are looking into the format and guidelines to go with it. FTAC has also agreed to start looking at electronic versions as well. The committee was recognized for their hard work. Greg Johll talked about Share Point and how that can be a forum for putting the document out for sharing.
 - May 9th is a tenure orientation workshop date in Stevens Point.
5. Nominating Committee - Mark Kopecky, chair
 - Election was done on the web again this year. The committee was thanked for their help. An attached report includes details of the vote for this year's positions. A revised committee list is also included in the handout. Discussion continued about our current structure. How do we adapt if and when our districts are changed? Can we stay the way we are, why should we align with administration? We may be ahead of the game as the district directors may change areas covered, but we may not loose districts. Vice Chairs will stay on top of changes as they happen.

6. Scholarship Committee - Peg Reedy, chair

- See attached committee report pages.
- We want to showcase our members' scholarly work. The committee has started a scholar profile blog to share information. This was demonstrated by Greg Blonde and Greg Johll
- Ryan Sterry will fill the position vacated by Jon Zander on the committee.
- Committee members were thanked and members were thanked for putting their information on the site to start it out.

Demonstration of scholar profiles project – Greg Blonde

Greg Blonde discussed how this approach came to be. This is an internal communication tool to start with and will eventually serve as an external display of our scholarly work. Check out the website! <http://fyi.uwex.edu/agscholarship/> Many compliments have been received for this project. Greg Johll sees this site as very rewarding for him and his shop.

7. Tenured Faculty Review Committee - Tim Jergenson, chair

- Members of the committee were listed and thanked for their help on the committee. Seven people will be reviewed this year. Appendix E will be followed and reviews will be held by wisline this spring.

8. Professor's Committee – Vance Haugen filled in for chair, Tom Cadwallader

- The committee met in person and by wisline in January. See the attached report. Dave Fischer and Ken Williams were reviewed. Ken was promoted to Professor and David was not approved for promotion for professor. The use of electronic documents was discussed. Appendix F was updated by the committee to make things more clear and will be voted on by the entire department later at this meeting.

Approval of Standing Committee Reports:

Ken Bolton moved and Vance Haugen seconded a motion to approve all standing committee reports as presented. The motion was approved.

9. Faculty Governance/Council Reports

- Faculty Senate - Mike Ballweg, Craig Saxe and Otto Wiegand
- Craig encourage others to consider being on this committee in the future to learn more. Last meeting was jointly with UW- Colleges. The portal is a great improvement for everyone. The budget issues were the main discussion recently. The Wisconsin Idea is important and needs to be supported so everyone knows what is at stake. See joint resolution in support of "Wisconsin Idea Partnership" document. Faculty Tenure

10. University Committee - Matt Hanson

- Matt was not present as he was in Washington DC for PILD. Mike Ballweg will finish Matt Hanson's term as Matt is serving as Interim District Director. The question was asked again as to why faculty positions are being filled by academic staff? Discussions have been ongoing and each case is looked at independently. The hope is to bring them back as faculty positions later. The department chair has been and will continue to be involved in each of these decisions.

11. Statewide Extension Council – Mike Ballweg

- No Report

12. Faculty Tenure Advisory Council - Dave Fisher and Ken Bolton

- The Faculty Tenure Advisory Committee (not council) report was given by Ken Bolton. He shared that the FTAC reviewed 14 documents this year. Department of Ag portfolios were generally very strong. Two issues of concern were identified; what constitutes an Exhibit and clear documentation of clientele response to the educator's programming/teaching efforts. A couple of documents submitted under the new IC and IIC guidelines were evaluated. POWs and reports summaries were generally well written. The application of the new guideline which eliminated the "one entry per Exhibit" definition did not enhance clarity in some instances. Bolton also encouraged the continued discussion to clarify the term scholarship specifically what "Valued" means relative to the scholar-learner interaction. He also clarified the purpose of FTAC is not to provide an additional or higher hurdle for the candidate to clear but rather is to act as a check and balance in evaluating whether Departments are evaluating portfolios based on minimum institutional criteria. Candidates may attend FTAC evaluations, Department representatives are also encourage to do so.

13. Department Strategic Plan Workgroup – Craig Saxe, chair

- Action requested – Approval of the updated strategic plan
See attached handout for suggested changes. Craig Saxe gave an update and thanked the committee for their hard work. A motion was made by Craig Saxe, seconded by Bill Halfman to approve the updated strategic plan as presented. Discussion continued briefly about the document. The motion was approved. A Vice-Chair/Chair retreat to start the implementation process of this plan was suggested. It was also suggested to revisit this plan at each 6 month department meeting.

14. Appendix F – Criteria for Promotion to Professor

- Action requested – Approval of proposed changes
See attached handout for recommended changes. Vance Haugen gave an update of the proposed changes. A motion by Mahlon Peterson, seconded by Randy Knapp to

approve the changes to Appendix F as presented. Approved with a motion to amend the wording on page 2 stating "...in addition to a resume relevant...". The amendment was approved. A motion to amend wording by Mahlon Peterson, seconded by Keith VanderVelde to amend the wording on page 4 from "published....." to "responding to a documented emerging community emergency or issue". This motion was approved.

15. Department Chair Report – Bob Cropp

- An update of our department's roles in these changing times
See handout for detailed report from Bob Cropp.

16. Other Department Announcements

- Greg Blonde and Dave Williams gave a few updates.

17. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn by Steve Huntzicker, seconded by Scott Reuse to adjourn. Approved.