

Southern District Resource Management Team

January 19, 2007

Present: Peggy Compton, Tom Schmitz, Dave Wachter, Dick Pederson, Mindy Habecker, Lee Cunningham, and Angie Flickinger

Lee Cunningham called the meeting to order at 10:00am. The minutes of November 3, 2006 were unanimously approved.

UW News in the Southern District: The update on county positions was that Lafayette County has a Family Living-WNEP opening that will be posted on Feb 1, 2007 as a 70% faculty and 30% academic staff position. Crawford Co has a CNRED faculty position posted currently. Walworth County has an extended posting for a youth development position. Pederson is currently doing extensive traveling in the district as he participates in performance reviews. He is also preparing for the WACEC conference and preparing for the transition to Rick Klemme as the new dean for UW-Extension.

Planning for the February 22, 2007 All Staff District Meeting: The Pyle Center is booked for this meeting with the following rooms reserved: in the afternoon for concurrent sessions we have rooms 220, 225, 226, 329, plus we have rooms 325 and 326 for the day. Rick Klemme will not be able to be there. Rick Klemme came and spoke to the Southern District CNRED staff and faculty. Rick is a good listener, a team player and projects being a very positive individual who will build bridges. He is a hard worker and has excellent people skills. He really understands how we work. Klemme was very candid and has a great sense of humor. It will be a fun three years with him.

Ideas for the afternoon concurrent sessions: The following topics were selected after a discussion of possible ideas for the afternoon concurrent sessions: Conflict resolution (Habecker will follow up), UW-Libraries and how to access their vast resources by Barbara Lazewski – offer twice (Pederson will follow up), and update on the strategic planning effort by Annie Jones and her team- prefer the 11-12 noon time, but if concurrent, will offer twice (Pederson will follow up), and Dan Veroff and WIPOP lab's work (Pederson will follow up), focus groups for collecting information (Compton will follow up) and RBC gems, tools and exercises (Cunningham will follow up).

Morning Program: Pederson has booked Marv Van Kekerix and Willie Larkin for the morning. We will tentatively have them for the 10:00-11:00am slot and then follow this with either the UW-Extension strategic planning effort (first choice) and or with RBC tools/gems and insights (second choice). Tom Schmidt and Peggy Compton will serve as the moderators for this session morning. Perhaps giving a card to everyone in this to gather questions from the audience from Marv and Willie. Not everyone is attuned and up to date with the integration. Need an overview of this process and then allow for a large amount of time for interaction – questions and dialogue.

The tentative agenda will be for the February 22nd meeting:

9:15-10:00 Welcome, introductions and celebrations
10:00-11:00 Chancellor's integration vision and dialogue
11:00-12:00 UW-Strategic Planning or RBC gems and tools
12:00-1:00 lunch
1:00-2:00 concurrent session one
2:00-2:15 break
2:15-3:15 concurrent session two
3:15 have a safe journey home

State WACEC Meeting: To be held on March 26-28, 2007 at the Concourse Hotel in Madison. Pederson has walked through the process of steps for legislative visits for all the department heads. We will need a total office team along with your county committees, especially in the larger counties to make this a success. March 27th is the day of the actual visits. Everyone needs to do a small part to make this work. The second piece of gaining impact with legislators is to have an ongoing plan to contact them on a regular basis and not just once every two years. We have a winter WACEC meeting coming up on February 2, 2007 at the Deer Valley Lodge and will update on the state WACEC and also will visit the WGNHS research and educational center at this meeting.

Potential Innovative Grant Program: A net savings of \$10,240 for one-time dollars was realized in 2006. This is a little more than we thought we would have. We would like to distribute this within the Southern District by June 30th or it reverts to the Dean. Additionally, \$8152 in base has been saved in the district. We will announcement to our District at our next District Wisline on Monday, January 22, 2007 that we have a little more than \$10,000 to award as mini-innovative grants. The SDRM team will electronically communicate over the next two weeks to update and revise the grant guidelines for this year's program. We will make it an easy process to both apply and evaluate. This will be going out to 14 counties and the basins. Compton will send out to the team the old documentation and application guideline that we need to revise for this program via e-mail. We will then send out to the district the revised guidelines and a cover letter in about 2 weeks. Habecker will draft a cover letter for the grant program. We will plan on evaluating the grant applications at our next meeting in April 2007.

Next meeting of the SDRMT is: Tuesday, April 24, 2007 from 9:30-2:30pm 2007 at the Dane County Extension Office. Tentative agenda items for the April meeting include: review of the mini grants, review of the support staff ratio issue, base dollars roll-over priorities, revisit to the mission of this team Compton will send out the draft mission discussion from previous years for discussion at the April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

Submitted by Mindy Habecker