IANR Liaison Committee

Notes
Monday, February 18, 2013
9:00 a.m. - Noon
Nebraska East Union, Bluestem Room

Liaison Committee:

In Attendance:
Jiri Adamec, Leslie Crandall, Roger Hoy, Steven Jones, Ellen Paparozzi, Gary Zoubek

By Phone:
Robert Wilson

IANR:
Associate Vice Chancellor Ron Yoder, Linda Arnold, Zaneta Hahn

1. Facilities Planning Committee Discussion – After meeting with Barry Shull, the Liaison Committee proposed that a change be made to the by-laws to dissolve the Facilities Planning Committee. Ad Hoc committees can be created as needed for future projects, for example the CY Thompson Renovation Committee. Ron Yoder agreed with this plan of action. Steve Jones will put a proposal together for this change to the by-laws to submit to Linda Arnold. The committee and Ron suggested that this would be a good time to clean up the by-laws, including renumbering.

2. IANR Liaison Committee Web Site – The committee met with Anita Schaepe and Lana Johnson from EdMedia to go over the specs for the website. Needs:
   a. EdMedia needs a cost center number (Linda Arnold will send the number to Lana Johnson and Ellen Paparozzi)
   b. An email address account and blackboard site need to be set-up (Ellen Paparozzi will provide these)
   c. Past meeting minutes will be on the website. Linda suggested only this year. Ellen said that Lana mentioned digital commons, from the library, for archival information. That decision is up to IANR.

3. January Meeting Minutes – Linda Arnold pointed out that the January minutes have not been approved and distributed to the Faculty. Roger Hoy has some notes. He will look for them and send to the committee for approval. Some key points from the previous meeting were mentioned.

4. ActivityInsight
   a. The committee agrees that the new system should be a topic of discussion in the fall. Questions to be asked: Did the Deans/Administrators get adequate info to make fair assessments? Did the Administrator Evaluations work this year?
   b. Yoder shared that the Deans have been closely involved in the feedback regarding ActivityInsight and IANR does plan to gather information from the faculty. The Dean’s would like to see what each faculty member thinks they have done to make an impact. The key is to look for the overall impact.
   c. Steve Jones pointed out some issues, like the amount of blanks/columns. There are some limitations as to what areas of effectiveness a faculty member can include. Does
this need to be expanded? Discussion continued regarding goals & objectives, and Pros & Cons of ActivityInsight.

d. Yoder concluded that ActivityInsight should be a forward looking planning process and reminded the group that a survey will be taken after this year’s process.

5. **P&T committee rating** – Roger Hoy presented the question: Is there a reason that Associate Professor’s cannot indicate that they are not working towards promotion? The committee discussed this option for new professors at the Associate Rank who do not have the desire to pursue promotion. Can we embrace that choice and make it okay? Can we have a box to indicate this option and make the P&T committee aware of this option?

6. **Updates from Ron Yoder**
   a. Unit Administrator evaluations – Did Bob Wilson’s previous question get resolved? Yes. There are no more questions at this time.
   b. SNR Director Status – IANR is currently collecting feedback from the second visit of the director candidate. A decision for the next step will be made soon.
   c. Statistics Director Status – One of the candidates will come back for 2nd visit next week.
   d. NE Water Center Director – IANR is currently deciding on whether or not to make an offer to one of the 2 candidates.
   e. 36 Priority Positions – 13 are on the website. 28 are approved. We can’t advertise until it has gone through OEAD, which is in process.
   f. The committee noted that the website should be added to the next All-Hands Meeting agenda to make it known to the Institute.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35am.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 27, 2013, from 9:00am-Noon in the Nebraska East Union, Bluestem Room.

Recorder: Zaneta Hahn
Distributed electronically to the IANR Liaison Committee for review: February 22, 2013
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