

IANR Liaison Committee Notes

Friday, September 29, 2017

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Nebraska East Union, Bluestem Room

In attendance: Kate Brooks, Julie Peterson, Aaron Nygren, Jenny Keshwani, Joel Cramer, Jessie Brophy, Vice Chancellor Mike Boehm, Liz Husmann (recorder)

Phoned in: Ann Fenton

Excused: Don Lee, Vicki Schlegel

Main Discussion Points:

- *Roads Scholar Tour Debriefing*
 - Jessie Brophy reported that the 2017 Roads Scholars tour was a big success. There were a couple of attendees from outside the Institute, which enriched the experience for all involved. The committee suggested sending out a survey to get feedback from the attendees. The committee also brainstormed other possible ways for faculty to create new contacts across the state, perhaps targeted day or half day trips similar to the one Beth Doll organized for CEHS. Jessie Brophy suggested the next Road Scholars Tour visit eastern Nebraska and asked the committee to send her any ideas of locations to visit on that trip, including private industries associated with the research IANR is doing.
- *University Update*
 - The committee discussed the reaction to the All Hands meeting and suggested that next year the committee meet at least a week after so as to get more feedback from faculty. Mike Boehm highlighted the creation of a Life Sciences Taskforce and suggested the committee encourage faculty to use the opportunity to share their feedback regarding this topic. Mike also shared the news that Jen Mueller will be joining the IANR Senior Leadership Team to assist with trend analyses that will inform strategic decision making.
- *Electing New Liaison Committee Chair*
 - Kate Brooks will serve as the 2017-18 Liaison Committee chair.

Action Items for Committee:

- Suggest possible 2018 Road Scholars Tour stops (focus on eastern Nebraska)
- Encourage faculty to provide feedback to the committee that will be making recommendations regarding the College of Life Sciences

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

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