IANR Liaison Committee
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, October 29, 2013
3:00-5:00pm
Nebraska East Union, Bluestem Room

In Attendance:
Jiri Adamec, Julie Albrecht, Angela Pannier, Ellen Paparozzi, Gary Zoubek

Via Phone:
Leslie Crandall, Robert Wilson

3:00pm – Committee Meeting
• Elections
  o Chair: Gary Zoubek
  o Vice Chair: Ellen Paparozzi
  o Recorder: Jiri Adamec

4:00pm – joined by Vice Chancellor Green (w/ Zaneta Hahn, recorder)

1. **Support/Overhead:** The committee asked Ronnie for an update on TA support/support for new hires/overhead distribution. They would like to better understand how funds are used.

   a. Ronnie reported that the distribution of these funds is an area of focus for IANR to 2025. There needs to be a more consistent way to understand F&A. ORED has sent a memo to faculty regarding F&A and distribution which somewhat addressed the issue. We hope to go beyond that and acquire more detailed explanations. Transparency is not consistent across different programs with distribution handled differently in some cases. IANR can explain our level, but not in the distributions above us. Lack of trust of the system comes from non-transparency. TA Support for the new hires is included in the position start-up associated with that position. When the searches are completed, we will take a holistic look across IANR at balance of work, business centers, etc. Plans for campus plan changes will affect the support staff needs as well. In regards to TA Support, we put out a competitive call to units for $250,000 central funding of GTA’s. The departments submitted proposals. Jiri mentioned that some GRA’s leave to other universities where support is more stable. Ronnie told the committee that they did an analysis of the units, funding levels, resources, etc. His bias was that some departments would have more support than others, but there was actually more equivalency than he thought. There were a few exceptions. Where the departments use the support is their decision. Ron Yoder has the data. Jiri mentioned that they would like to see it. Moving forward, we
hope to address the needs of the new faculty. We have been very careful about that. New faculty will need more support.

2. **Website:** The committee reported that the Liaison Committee Webpage is kind of working. Emails/suggestions are going to no one’s account right now. Jiri will contact Steve to see if he is getting them. Jiri will have the emails come to him. Minutes are on the site from last spring. Electronic minutes are not available before that time due to a past loss of files. Hard copies are available if needed.

3. **Campus Plans:** Food Science building update from Ronnie. The final decision was made in early Sept. The entire department will be moved to Nebraska Innovation Campus. Food Science faculty and ConAgra met together for a retreat in early September. Right now the plans are being finalized. The departmental faculty leadership and architects are working together. 2 groups of faculty – processing area, and gut function/food safety. Initial proposals have been made and taken to the architects. Everything except the Dairy Store and the Dairy Plant will move. Food safety pilot plant will stay here also. The upper floors of Filley will be transitioned as new program space. Bottom floors will have to have more decisions made. Timing of move – 2 buildings will potentially open in April (Innovation Building and the re3novated 4-H/FFA arena). Food science will be in the two buildings to the south. Greenhouse will be in a new complex across the street. There will be classes on NIC. Spring 2015 is projected timeline for the Food Science move. It will not happen in the middle of an academic term. There is discussion about the part of campus around the Nebraska East Union and C.Y. Thompson. The use of Filley will be considered in concert with those plans. There is potential for a new dorm on east campus (potentially on the current site of old Biochemistry Hall). C.Y. Thompson will be redesigned as a part of the picture also. 2017-2018 is the projected completion. On NIC, the 4-H building will have a conference center and there may be opportunity for more classroom instruction.

4. **Roads Scholar Tour:** The committee suggests that a tour is set up again this year. Who will coordinate the details? Should the area of the state change? Zaneta shared that Jill had suggested the tour remain in western Nebraska. If the destinations changed, some of the faculty who participated in the first tour may want to join this one. With all of the new faculty coming on board, this may pose a numbers problem. The committee will discuss details at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.
Recorder: Zaneta Hahn
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*Upcoming Meetings:*
Monday, November 25, 3:00-5:00p,
Tuesday, December 17, 10:00am-12:00pm