

NOTES

IANR Liaison Committee

Monday, March 16, 2015

2:30-4:30pm

Nebraska East Union, Bluestem Room

In attendance: Jiri Adamec, Angela Pannier, Ellen Paparozzi, Ann Fenton, Randy Pryor,

Calling In: Tom Hunt for first hour

Excused: Julie Albrecht

Ballot

The committee reported that they have approved the following ballot:

Liaison Committee (2 pairs):

Melanie Downs (Food Science)

Julie Peterson (Entomology)

Kate Brooks (Agriculture Economics)

Leah Sandall (Agro/Hort)

Committee on Policy and Appointment and Promotion (2 pairs):

Jennifer Melander (Biological Systems Engineering)

Brad Lubben (Agriculture Economics)

Mark Lagrimini (Agronomy and Horticulture)

Lena Cottle (Animal Science)

Nominating Committee (appointed):

CEHS: Ander Zimbroff (Textiles, Merchandising & Fashion Design)

Dipti Dev (Child Youth and Family)

Aaron Nygren (at large - NEREC)

Zaneta will prepare the electronic ballot and send it out in April after the Annual Appraisals of Unit Administrators are completed. She will send an email requesting the nominating committee appointees to serve.

Liaison Committee Chair for Next Year

The committee reported that pending Julie Albrecht's approval, Angie Pannier will serve as the chair next year.

Roads Scholar Tour

The committee reported they would like to attempt an August Roads Scholar Tour. It would be centered around the VIP day at the Haskell Ag Lab, which takes place on the evening of August 6. Charlie Shapiro confirmed that it begins around 4:30 on the 6th. The committee suggested a 2 day tour with a focus on Eastern Nebraska. Grand Island, Barta Bros, Royal (Ash Falls), Pilger, and West Point were some

suggested stops. This would be open to all new faculty. Jessie Brophy in the VC office can take care of travel logistics. Dr. Green suggested adding the South Central Ag Lab and Stuhr Museum. Ann Fenton, Tom Hunt, and Randy Pryor will assist with the tour. Ann will be the contact for Jessie.

Nominating Committee

Ellen will send out a letter to Heather Borck with a copy to Don Adams for her exceptional service getting the ballot completed. She would also like Zaneta to send the nominating committee an email, asking them to meet in April to select a chair for next year. She suggested the results of the ballot above should be shared with the nominating committee before results are released.

CPAP and P&T Guidelines Update

Dr. Green shared that he has asked the deans to look at the purpose of the committee on policy for appointment and promotion. This has not happened yet as the group is currently in the middle of the promotion and tenure process. There is a defined framework for promotion and tenure guidelines under UNL policy. Dr. Green shared that there is some concern with consistency of the evaluation process between departments, particularly for out-state faculty. The committee shared that general guidelines for Emeriti status are difficult to find as well. Dr. Green shared that there are university guidelines, but this is also being evaluated.

US MARC Update

Dr. Green shared that he has spent a lot of time in DC making sure the federal delegates understand all of the underlying pieces of the puzzle. USDA has conducted an external review of US MARC related to animal care and IACUC. There were 6 external reviewers, primarily veterinarians and animal care professionals. They spent a couple of days at MARC reviewing policies, staff, etc. USDA filed their draft report a week ago for public comment. There is a verbal comment session on March 18. The report stated that there was no evidence of mistreatment, abuse, or poor animal care. It gave them a clean bill of health. They pointed out that their protocol review process had some gaps and they need to tighten up that accountability to mirror typical university IACUC process. There will be a second review by the USDA Office of the Inspector General to look at specific allegations in the NYT article to respond to each allegation raised. That will happen beginning now. They have been in contact with UNL, and USDA is well prepared to address each of the allegations. Dr. Green does not anticipate any issues there and expects that the review will reveal the agenda of the story and that it was not representative of US MARC or the quality, importance, or huge impact of the research conducted there historically and in the current.

Randy asked if Dr. Green thought this would affect the budget in the legislature. Dr. Green shared that it has not come up in the legislature, and he does not think it will affect anything there.

Other Items

Dr. Green shared that the session that morning at the NEREC went very well. Ann shared that the staff really appreciated it. Dr. Green will meet with the SEREC in a couple of weeks as well to talk about the optimization process and discuss how the new model may look.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Recorder: Zaneta Hahn

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Upcoming Meetings:

Tues, April 14, 2015, 9:00-11:00am (Dr. Green joins at 10:00am)