

Alumni Board of Directors
Department of Human and Community Resource Development
Minutes- - November 8, 2007

In attendance: Larry Lokai, Julie Aldrich, Don Thomas, Becky Anway, Cindy Grassbaugh, Cyndi Brill, Rich Brill, Dave Snyder, Christina Minier, Robert Birkenholz

On Thursday, November 8, 2007 the HCRD Alumni Meeting was held in the Agricultural Administration Conference Room. President Becky Anway called the meeting to order at 5:08. The Secretary's minutes were read and approved.

Department Reports:

Dr. Birkenholz updated the board on enrollment trends. There has been an increase in enrollment in both the college and at ATI. The number of freshmen is up 11% while the number of students at ATI is up 7%. The freshmen retention rate is approximately 92%. The average ACT score for incoming freshmen is 27. Non-traditional programs, such as the PGA program and the Construction Systems Management program are experiencing the fastest growth. Animal Science and Pre-Vet majors remain popular, while undergraduate enrollment in the Horticulture and Crop Science Department is decreasing.

The Agricultural and Extension Education Advisory Committee met for the second time in October, 2007. It is an 18 member board consisting of six representatives from teaching, six from extension, and six from leadership. At their most recent meeting, members discussed recruitment ideas with the possibility of recruiting future students by working with Farm Bureau at the Farm Science Review. Members also discussed the growing trend of students coming from non-Ag Ed/ FFA backgrounds entering the major. Approximately 50% of the department's students come from non-traditional backgrounds. Delegates also focused discussion on transfer options to enter the university (from branch campuses, community colleges, etc.) It was decided that more focus should be put on the long-term goal of students receiving a degree from The Ohio State University, even if they don't start at the university as a freshman.

Several changes within the department were discussed. The Leadership option is still being reviewed by the OSU Council on Academic Affairs. A university-wide Leadership minor is being discussed with several colleges across campus. The "Ag and Extension Education" name change is now official at the Bachelors, Masters, and Ph.D. levels.

Congratulations to Dr. Susie Whittington for receiving the Josephine Failer Award from the OSU Alumni Association for her service to enhance the quality of life for students.

In ATI news, the Wooster campus recently acquired a golf course just north of town (PGA endorsement pending) which is expected to be utilized as a learning lab by approximately 80% of all ATI students.

Dr. Birkenholz distributed copies of the CFAES Strategic Plan, which follows the university goals as outlined in Dr. Gee's DISC Initiative. Colleges will eventually tie in this strategic plan with the goals of each department. A draft of the HCRD goals for 2008-2012 was distributed and discussed by members of the board. Of particular interest to several members was the idea of additional accreditation being given with certain types of degree certification. Teachers in Ag Ed throughout the state are feeling the pressure to carry science certification along with Ag Ed certification to convince school administrators that they are HQT (highly qualified) and therefore able to grant science credit for agriculture courses. Discussion concerned how this certification should be granted, including a possible cooperation between our department and other colleges, or even a masters program with science certification for Agricultural Education.

Committee Reports: none

Old Business:

1. CFAES Fallfest – September 8, 2007

A report was given by Julie Aldrich. Attendance at the event was good, although it was difficult to distinguish the alumni of our department from others within the college. Larry Lokai and Dr. Birkenholz directed attendees to our table where they participated in the "Buckeye Necklace- Draw and Win!" game. Very little contact information was gathered but fellowship was enjoyed by all in attendance. As the 2008 Fallfest approaches, the board will re-evaluate our participation in this event and the value it holds as related to our board-approved goals.

2. Alumni Board Membership Roster

The 2007-2008 roster was updated with correct contact information. See attached.

3. CFAES Alumni Awards

The selection committee will meet next week to determine the winners for this year's awards. Our nominees were James Ogden (meritorious service), Larry Lokai and Paul Vaughn (Distinguished Alumni), Tracy Kitchel and Becky Anway (Young Professional).

New Business:

1. Spring Graduation Brunch

Preliminary plans for the brunch were made.

- Date – Sunday June 8, 2008
- Place – Ag Admin Auditorium (room has been reserved)
- Buckeyeman and Woody will be available for pictures
- Slideshow – organized by Christina Minier and Jennifer Reed
- Invitations – need to be sent sooner if possible; should include an invitation to send pictures for the slideshow

Finals plans for the brunch, including specific member and group responsibilities, food, program, and other items will be decided at the next meeting.

2. Officers

It was moved by Richard Brill, 2nd by Cindy Grassbaugh to approve the current officers for another year of service.

President – Becky Anway

Vice President – Kim Weiss

Secretary – Julie Aldrich

L. Lokai moved to adjourn, 2nd by **C. Brill**. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned @ 6:24.

Announcements: Next meeting – Thursday, January 10
Future meetings – Wednesday April 9
Wednesday August 6

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Aldrich, Secretary
January 10, 2008

Becky Anway, HCRD President