

CFAES Faculty Meeting October 22, 2004

Those in attendance: Gary Wilson, Chris Penrose, Joe Kovach, Daral Jackwood, Gwen Wolford, Peter Thomison, Steve Prochaska, Allen Zimmerman, David Willoughby, Terry Graham, Enrico Bonello, Steven Boyles, Dave Zartman, Bobby Moser, Allen Zimmerman, Ken Lee, Melvin Pascall, Steven Meyers, Stan Thompson, Randall Reeder, Karen Bruns, Chuck Curtis, Fred Hutchinson, Tom Koontz, Karen Mancl, Fred Hitzhusen, Joe Kovach, Richard Moore

Joint meeting with University Senators

Last meeting April 16, 2004

Peter Thomison called the meeting to order. He asked all to introduce themselves. Minutes of the 4/16/04 meeting were previously approved via e-mail. Go to Ag Faculty website to view.

Dr. Moser provided the following update.

Ohio has a five billion dollar structural deficit, which could hurt OSU in the next biennium. The state budget will probably be flat at best

College focus is on six year plans from departments. These plans will get specific by July 1. There are four major goals to be met by the six year plans: to be among best in nation; diversity; more high impact discoveries; and to be a model to extend latest research information to the people.

We are changing from a culture of entitlement to a culture of performance. Financial allocation is now based on performance starting July 1, 2004. Budget restructuring based on credit hours generated and indirect costs. Budget may go up and down based on credit hours. There is a cultural shift to how this University operates and is funded and it goes all the way down to the departments. Our budget will be more matched to our performance. Take home message: the culture is changing and we must change with it if we are going to have a college we can be proud of.

Review of OARDC (by Battelle) identified three emerging economies as priority areas: food, environment, and biobased energies. Phase two report: Was in part a peer review. One item of note is that in the ISI (Institute for Scientific Information) index, we ranked in the top ten in each of the categories.

Karen Mancl provided the following Senate report:

The provost gave a charge to the University Senate: Graduate PhD. Programs, review of the undergraduate education program, number of hours to graduate, and looking at undergraduate research experiences (honors programs).

Faculty career enhancement initiative: Karen Bruns on the committee.

Conflict of Commitment document discussed: assist faculty to avoid conflict (Conflict of Interest is financial, Conflict of Commitment is your time outside the University). New travel policy discussed, need real word examples on how it affects your work, send to Susan Fisher. CHEE (Commission on Higher Education and the Economy) report indicates that higher education is an economic engine to the state.

Faculty Senate: CFAES

Do our college senators get together to develop a college approach in addressing issues before University Senate meetings? Our college has not done this. With Extension now in the senate, there is a feeling that there will be more of an effort for our college senators to work together. The election is college-wide for university senate. One motivation to be on the Faculty senate is to establish new collaborations with other colleges.

Impact of changes in Local Government (LG) funds reviewed by Gwen Wolford. LG funds are distributed from the state to county and townships to help them function and exist. Counties get funds from fees, sales tax, property tax, investments and LG funds. Extension is not mandated, thus LG funds are an important component of county funding that provides cost share for Extension offices.

Some counties are starting to feel that they will have to transform themselves in the next 5-6 years to develop new funding as traditional “county entitlement” funding erodes. Counties need to become creative for new funding (Prochaska). Collaborators could now become competitors.

Guiding Coalition update by Daral Jackwood. Met in January (to look at the six year plan: they are not done yet). Responsibility of the coalition is to understand the rationale of the six-year plan, help advance the plan, generate and motivate interest in the plan, and serve as an advocate of the plan.

Revision of Bylaws discussed. Extension representation is in Article II D. It currently states that the Department of Extension will have the following representatives: one from Columbus-based department faculty and one from each Extension district. OSUE now has no districts; it has three regions and about 100-110 field faculty. Motion made by Dr. Steve Prochaska. Steve proposed (seconded by Dave Willoughby) to change last sentence in Article II D. to one Columbus-based Extension faculty and four non Columbus-based campus faculty. Motion withdrawn, for further study.

Sub-committee to do a background on this; will consist of Steve Prochaska and Gwen Wolford.

Travel reimbursement policy: Discussed new cost recovery guidelines approved 8/25/04. Extension specialists may use soft money to fund their trips or may charge a flat fee to teach/visit outside Columbus base.

USAC asked University Senate to address the football ticket change (Wolford).

Next meeting in January (tentatively January 21, 2005).

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