
Members Absent:  Harvey Davis, Jim Mentesti

Meeting was called to order at 12:50

Brian Basting welcomed everyone to the spring meeting and introduced Dean Hauser. Introductions of Council members and guests were also made at this time.

Dean Hauser gave brief bio of his career, an update on the personnel changes in ACES, an overview of the Campus budget and how the budget works within the college of ACES. John Flaherty asked about the federal dollars. Dean Hauser replied federal dollars have not been increasing or decreasing in relation to the stimulus dollars. Jack Pfaffmann inquired as to how much student tuition goes into Extension. Dr. Hauser indicated that Extension is not now nor would be funded in any part by student tuition. Discussion then took place regarding student enrollment, tuition, etc.

Brian Basting inquired as to what charge the Dean would give to the ESAC committee. Dean Hauser asked that when in contact with legislators and their staff to briefly focus on what we are asking for and why we are asking for it and to keep it brief. Brian then asked if they were to do anything on the state level and Dr. Hauser replied not at this time.

Jeanne Harland gave an update on the Extension Partners. She mentioned she was able to meet with Interim President Ikenberry and Chancellor Robert Easter. It was a productive and interesting meeting with both offices showing a tremendous amount of support for Extension in regard to their mission and what they teach. She also mentioned they are always looking for new members.

Pam Weber discussed the crisis the General Assembly is facing. Fee increases and cutbacks will need to be made. She said that even though there are no good options, that at least Extension is willing to do more with less and that those Organizations that have not heeded the message and not looked at cutting back or combining resources will be left out of the funding stream. She said the there are no easy decisions and that we need to be vigilant and think outside the box. She mentioned we need to make legislators aware of the importance of our programs and to make sure they have an investment in
Extension other than appropriation dollars, invite them to 4-H meetings and events in your community. Have the legislators or their secretary attend meetings to hear what the people are saying regarding the importance of Extension. Other examples would be to work for the candidates of your choice, tell them you support their legislation, and just give them an awareness of what Extension does.

Discussions ensued regarding Extension funding and the budget. Lee Trotter asked if a county loses an office will they also lose the county board match. It was stated you cannot take money away from the County unless another referendum is passed negating the first one. John Flaherty inquired how many legislators get to see the budget bill before it hits the floor. Discussion ensued regarding the budget and the Governors budget speech. Pam mentioned we have a lot of legislators on our side we just need to make them aware of our needs. Let your legislators know, voice your ideas.

Break at 3:15 p.m.

Approval of October Minutes – John Flaherty motioned and Tom Dahlfors seconded to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion passed.

Marilyn began to explain the public meetings and encourage the EAC members to attend. Discussion ensued with several ESAC members asking questions with regard to the reorganization, how many counties will be together, how the regions will be affected, etc. Marilyn indicated that these public meetings are truly going to be a listening session and that all the details have not been figured out, and we are going to strongly consider what we hear at these meetings in our final decision. It was the consensus of the Council to remain united and sell this reorganization plan. Marilyn asked the Council members to provide feedback after each meeting they attended. The website is uiefeedback@illinois.edu

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m. – Dinner at Biaggi’s restaurant at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Brian Basting. Introductions and brief background information was once again shared with those in attendance.

Marilyn discussed the upcoming PILD Conference in April and shared a PowerPoint presentation.

The group broke in to the four core Extension areas, ANR, Family and Consumer Science, 4-H Youth Development, Community and Economic Development. Each group was led by a program leader. Each group came up with PILD statements to be addressed with the legislators in DC.

Break at 10:05 a.m.
Marilyn reviewed the statements for PILD. (See attached sheet).

Marilyn reviewed the packet on travel arrangements, meals, etc. for the PILD trip. Marilyn wants firm commitments ASAP so we can get registration in by end of February.

Marilyn reviewed the process of contacting legislators beforehand. You can contact them locally to let them know we will be in DC and that we will be contacting their offices for appointments. Information on the visits will be sent ahead of the actual trip. Lee Trotter will contact Senator Burris and Senator Durbin to set up a joint meeting. Other visits will be scheduled around this particular meeting. Dr. Hoeft’s office will arrange the actual meetings.

Marilyn mentioned that Extension is signed up to do a presentation at a workshop offered on Monday afternoon. The topic is volunteers engaging public officials and their staff…the Illinois model. Marilyn and Brian will be working on the presentation.

Minor discussion ensued about holding the ESAC meetings in different locations. This discussion was tabled until a further date.

Motion made by Art King to elect Tanesha Pittman as the Chairperson for the 2010-2011 Council year. Lee Trotter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by John Flaherty to nominate Lee Trotter as Vice-Chairperson for the 2010-2011 Council year. Art King seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Brian reminded the Council to spread the word about the public meetings and the teleconferences and to attend as many as possible. Marilyn suggested taking notes on the comments and be the eyes and ears for the Directors office, getting a sense of what people are thinking. Marilyn again encouraged Council members to e-mail their comments and thoughts on the meetings to uiefeedback@illinois.edu and to please stay engaged during this whole process.

Lee thanked Brian for his leadership of the group this past year and for keeping Extension Partners on the front burner.

Tanesha announced she would be presenting at an Oxford roundtable at Oxford University on July 11. She will be doing a presentation on the value of emergent female leaders of tomorrow.

Brief discussion regarding Extension Partners. Brian referred Council members to the website: www.extensionpartners.org

Tom Dahlfors motioned and Michael Lager seconded the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.
Marilyn reviewed the statements for PILD the groups came up with:

Statements 4-H:

A unique volunteer led, positive youth development organization

4-Her’s 25% more likely to be an asset to the community, and 41% less likely to be a burden on the community, schools & families.

Why Us:
A good Return on Investment, Illinois 4-H volunteers contribute $40.2 MM in time, travel and support. (Come up with number how much we spend to show ROI) -- handout

Statements: CED

Why Funding

A cost effective research based training focused on neighborhood development by trusted local experts to effect community development

Extension provided outreach to community citizens of all ages to identify specific priorities in various age groups to make change tailored to respective communities.

Communities worked with adult and youth audiences to provide entrepreneurs with in-depth training supporting job creation. Extension provides small rural counties unable to afford economic professionals with targeted training.

Promote personal and financial literacy to sustain and grow personal income in good and bad times.

(4 stories shared….get rid of any stories and they are related). Jack if in rural county tweak for rural or urban settings. Tailor to needs.

Statements: Youth

U of I Extension has a web-based science education site called the Great Plant Escape which is used by over:

The Extension web-based science education Great Plant Escape is web-based Extension site, science based education used by over 1 million students worldwide every month supporting the national 4-H mandate of science engineering and technology education.

Extension should be funded to keep our promise to develop one million new scientists in America by 2012.
One hundred years ago, 4-H youth introduced hybrid corn and changed the world through increased food production. Today we are on the cusp of changing the world again by teaching youth about food, energy, leadership and science education.

Extension should be funded to help youth change the world again.

Statement ANR:

We are offering un-biased research information on wind energy which will lower our CO2, carbon foot print that would improve/preserve water quality Farms and communities will adopt wind energy.

Yield:
Research focused on nutritional value and insect and disease resistance is needed. We need to be able to fees us and abroad. We need to stay ahead of newly emerging insect and diseases and adapt plants to grow in less than optimal locations.