

UW-EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

5:15 PM, Room 104

Location: Agriculture & Resource Center
227 1st Street W
Altoona WI 54720

MINUTES

Members Present: Robin Leary, Tami Schraufnagel, Heather DeLuka

Members Absent: Colleen Bates, Doug Kranig,

Others: Sara Novotny

Call to Order

Chair Pro Tem Leary called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Supervisor Schraufnagel nominated Robin Leary for Chair. Supervisor Schraufnagel moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Leary for Chair. Motion carried 3-0. Supervisor DeLuka nominated Tami Schraufnagel for Vice Chair. Supervisor Leary moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Schraufnagel for Vice Chair. Motion carried 3-0.

Appointment of Committee Clerk

Chair Leary appointed Sara Novotny and Erin LaFaive as acting clerks.

Review / Approval of Committee Minutes / March 16, 2016

Motion by Supervisor Schraufnagel to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried 3-0.

Review Bills / Discussion / March 2016

The bills were reviewed.

Public Input

No member of the public present.

Update on *nEXT* Generation Model and Hub Situation / Discussion – Action

Sara Novotny noted that many applicants were received state-wide for the advisory and steering committees to develop the final model. Colleen Bates applied for the committees, and will be notified sometime in the upcoming months if she is selected. Dunn County has passed a resolution to be the hub of the area; based on the model evolving, Eau Claire County will join in that discussion if needed. Sara also shared about the changes in the definitions of faculty seniority and how that could affect positions if positions were cut based on changes to tenure from the Board of Regents.

Update on WACEC State Conference / Discussion

June 20-21, 2016 at the Jefferson Street Inn in Wausau. Sara shared the information and both Supervisors Bates and Leary are already registered. Sara and Supervisor Bates gave an update on the Public Issues in Leadership Development Conference in Washington, D.C. that both attended. Colleen shared advocacy information that was shared through her involvement in WACEC and the participation from other WACEC members with their legislature in D.C.

Update on Office Manager Position/Staffing Updates / Discussion

The Office Manager temporary position was hired and Karen LaPage started on Monday, May 2nd. The position will be especially responsible for keeping ledgers, accounts, and billing.

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program Grant and Update / Discussion – Action

Nancy Coffey was present and gave an update on the programming and direct impacts of the WNEP program. The WNEP funding is separate from UW-Extension funds and is a contractual agreement. However, just as UW-Extension is facing cuts, the SNAP funds are also being cut on a federal level. Approximately 17% of the Eau Claire County population is utilizing SNAP funds, which determines the amount received for WNEP in the county from the federal level. Due to federal cuts, the amount of staffing will be decreased for FY 2017. Supervisor Schraufnagel moved to sign a letter of support. Motion carried 3-0.

General Office Updates and Summer Calendars / Discussion

Erin and Sara gave updates on upcoming summer programming that Extension Education Committee members are asked to visit, including teaching gardens, community gardens, summer 4-H camp, and the Eau Claire County Fair. Mark Hagedorn will be teaching at the National Farm Management Conference in June in South Dakota, presenting on heifer management from information presented in Hoard's Dairyman.

Budget Updates / Discussion

Chair Leary noted that budget rules for 2017 will be released shortly from Finance.

Scheduling of Future Meetings / Agenda Items

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18 at 4:45pm, beginning with a UW-Extension overview for the committee members. The June meeting was scheduled for June 15 at 5:30pm at 4-H Summer Camp at Beaver Creek Reserve. Agenda items include a Horticulture Report, UW-Extension orientation, a quarterly financial report, nEXT Generation updates, 4-H Camping at the Capitol initiative, WACEC Conference, and Youth in Governance.

Adjourn

Chair Leary adjourned the meeting at 5:24 PM.