

## **UW-EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

5:15 PM, Expo Center Building E

Location: Eau Claire County Expo Center  
5530 Fairview Drive  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

### **MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Robin Leary, Doug Kranig, Heather DeLuka, Colleen Bates, Tami Schraufnagel

**Others:** Mark Hagedorn, Lindsey Kohls, and Sara Novotny

#### **Call to Order**

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

#### **Review / Approval of Committee Minutes / June 15, 2016**

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

#### **Review Bills / Discussion / June 2016**

The bills were reviewed.

#### **Public Input**

No members of the public present.

#### **Youth in Governance Update / Discussion – Action**

The committee generated ideas on how to increase participation from area high school youth. Supervisor Bates made a motion to approve Resolution Number 16-17/026 to extend the Youth In Governance program for the committees on UW-Extension and Judiciary and Law and expanding to Parks and Forest Committee. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **Update on WACEC State Conference / Discussion**

Supervisors Bates, Schraufnagel, DeLuka, and Leary attended. Discussion at conference focused on the state budget. Increase discussions, town halls, and meetings with the county partner will be expected in the future of reorganization of UW-Extension.

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

Current discussion across groups indicate that changes will be determined in early 2017, but won't take effect until after the new fiscal year of 2017-2018. Faculty and academic staff have signed contracts through June 30, 2016 at this time.

#### **Greenhouse Update / Discussion**

Will appear on the August agenda as Erin LaFaive was unable to attend July meeting.

#### **Preliminary Budget Updates / Discussion**

Upcoming budget hearings in the near future for all county departments. Agents and UW-Extension supporters encouraged to attend. From the UW-Extension side, salary increases are being planned for Mark Hagedorn (move to full professor in the Department of Agriculture/Agriculture Business) and Erin LaFaive (move to senior lecturer) and a two percent raise for UW-Extension staff. Erin and Sara will share changes to office budget as it progresses.

#### **Agriculture Program Update / Discussion – Action**

Mark Hagedorn shared multiple areas of education for fair participants and fair goers, including increased education on animal well-being and care, RFID tags for market animals, and increased biosecurity practices. Mark continues to be actively involved in working with the 4-H Youth Development Agent in youth agriculture programming, including increasing participation and educational events for youth in the dairy project, which will see its largest numbers of entries in five years at the 2016 county fair.

**Scheduling of Future Meetings / Agenda Items**

The next meeting is scheduled for August 31 at 5:15pm at the UW-Extension Office. Agenda items include updates on nEXT Generation, the greenhouse, budget, and an educator report from the Horticulture educator Erin LaFaive.

**Adjourn**

Chair Leary adjourned the meeting at 6:10 PM.