

Agricultural Leadership
AAAEE Special Interest Group
May 25th and May 27th, 2005

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The meeting of the Agricultural Leadership AAAEE SIG was held on May 25th, 2005 at 1:00 PM at the La Mansion del Rio, San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Chris Townsend led the meeting as SIG Chair.

I. Introduction of Attendees

Chris Townsend, Texas A&M
Susan Fritz, Nebraska
Channarasar, India – JAI Research Foundation
Jodie Mink, University of Idaho
Lori Moore, University of Idaho
Tracy Hoover, Penn State

Barry Boyd, Texas A&M
Robbie Ortega, Purdue
Jacque Deeds, Mississippi State
Nicole Stedman, Texas A&M
Chris Morgan, Oklahoma State

Each attendee provided an update on what is happening in leadership education at their institution.

II. Based on SIG purpose 6 (Funding Opportunities) from the 2004 AL SIG meeting attendees discussed becoming a more collaborative body.

- Susan Fritz brought the Request for a North Central Development Committee. The NCDC purpose is to bring together faculty to discuss opportunities for joint research initiatives. For copy contact Susan Fritz.
- For next SIG meeting, Friday, May 27th, 2005 attendees were asked to bring ideas about what they are currently researching in the areas identified on the proposal.

III. Use of Ropes Courses in Leadership Curriculum

- Consensus from several members was that ropes course used at the beginning of a course has potential to help students better understand the group development process.

IV. Service-Learning

- Several departments incorporate S-L into their leadership courses. S-L is intensive and a useful tool in teaching leadership. In general most warn against the many liabilities associated with S-L. *Note: avoid “Research” S-L.

Minutes submitted by Barry Boyd

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The meeting of the Agricultural Leadership AAAE SIG was held on May 27th, 2005 at 10:30 AM at the La Mansion del Rio, San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Chris Townsend led the meeting as SIG Chair.

I. Introduction of Attendees

Chris Townsend, Texas A&M
Susan Fritz, Nebraska
Todd Brashears, Texas Tech
Jodie Mink, University of Idaho
Lori Moore, University of Idaho
George Wardlow, University of Arkansas
Dale Darling, DuPont Co./Retired

Barry Boyd, Texas A&M
Robbie Ortega, Purdue
Jacque Deeds, Mississippi State
Nicole Stedman, Texas A&M
Eddie Moore, Michigan State
Tony Andenoro, Texas A&M
Tracy Hoover, Penn State

II. Chris as Chair was asked to report back to AAAE Program Development Committee, AL SIG needs and requests

- 1 hr not significant amount of time, group would prefer 2 hours.
- Susan added, meetings should only occur if something significant needs to be discussed. Meeting and addressing the purposes of the SIG.

III. Dale made the request for assistance in developing leadership curriculum to meet industry standards and needs. Looking for an appropriate teacher-leader model.

IV. Jacque made the request that in between now and 2006 AAAE meeting, Ag Leadership programs provide curriculum information.

- Posted webpage under AAAE website, “Agricultural Leadership SIG.” Todd volunteered to act as the clearinghouse for material until the page is posted. Suggested postings include:
 - White Paper, authored by Townsend and Fritz – need release after publishing
 - Exchange of syllabi
 - Bulletin Board: Book reviews, helpful tools
 - SIG Minutes
 - Helpful links
 - ALE, JOLE
 - Departmental Leadership programs
 - Degree Plans (Tracy to locate existing copies)
- Information may be sent to Todd at todd.brashears@ttu.edu.
- Need to provide list and information to Association of Leadership Educators.
- Robbie to facilitate the creation of an AL SIG list serve through AAAE.

V. Participants requested an update on the USDA grant submitted by Penny Pennington and Bill Weeks (OSU), grant was written to assist in fulfilling the training needs of faculty pursuing teaching assignments in Agricultural Leadership.

VI. Susan led a discussion on the NCDC request for committee.

- Potential for joint projects
- Money to travel to coordinate projects
- Proposals for research funds addressing NCDC priorities
- NCDC is an outgrowth of NCAC
 - Need for Ag Exp Station appointment to be eligible for travel funds.
 - This does not remove you from committee eligibility.
- Basic premise is to show connection to federal agenda and desire and commitment to help solve problems.
- Need to identify key collaborators and then either to continue to seek federal dollars or other.
- Tracy inquired as to the direct and immediate impact of the Farm Bill. No one sure of the extent.
- George identified the three levels of committee standing: 1) legitimate research entity, 2) funding for positions (state-level), and 3) Salary for pursuit of funding (venture capital).
- Eddie raised concern regarding the emphasis on “Rural” initiatives. Group felt that since the USDA recent emphasis has been on rural communities that the group would focus on those NCDC priorities.
- Group also felt that this process was just one way to begin creating a collaborative entity and that later, the group could pursue other funds that addressed urban, suburban communities. SIG recognized the potential to expand research endeavors beyond rural communities.
- Eddie motioned to support SIG development of a NCDC committee. Jacque seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Attendees were asked to begin formalizing a list that supported their research and initiatives in priority areas, as well as collaborative faculty at other institutions
 - This information should be sent through Susan Fritz, sfritz1@unl.edu.

VII. Based on recommendations from 2004 AL SIG meeting, Chris brought curriculum materials from her Learning Organizations course offered at Texas A&M University

- Group made recommendation that one participant volunteer to bring course materials each year – none were recorded.

VIII. Chris Townsend volunteered to continue as Chair. Nicole Stedman volunteered to be secretary. Both positions for the 2006 meeting.

Group adjourned until 2006 Agricultural Leadership AAAE SIG meeting.

Minutes submitted by Nicole Stedman