

## MINUTES

University of Kentucky  
College of Agriculture  
StaffLINKS Committee Meeting  
December 3, 2013



### *Attendance:*

Chair, Christina Tawasha - Plant & Soil Science  
Jenny Blanford Evans – Veterinary Sciences  
Brooke Stone (for Lisa Collins) - Administrative Advisor  
Jennie Condra – Entomology  
Debbie Gutierrez – Forestry  
Alicia Landon – Plant Pathology  
Cindy Stidham – Animal and Food Sciences  
Helen Williams - Veterinary Diagnostic Lab  
Paul Wilson- Regulatory Services  
Karin Pekarchik- Ag. Engineering  
Darlene Mylin- Cooperative Extension  
Tracy Cayson- Dietetics and Human Nutrition  
Karen Pulliam- Agricultural Economics  
Jozef Stork- Horticulture

### Attending via Lync

Diana Wilson- County Extension  
Marilyn Hooks- West Kentucky Station Ext.

### *Absent:*

Lissa Pohl - Community & Leadership Development

### Programs

Kym Pope - County Extension Programs  
Lois Warren- Jackson Extension  
Gil Thurman – Franklin Co Extension  
Steve Patton- Ag Communications  
Carolyn Morris- County Extension  
Diane Warren- Quicksand Extension  
Marilyn Lauer – Campbell Co Extension  
Stephanie Crouch – County Extension  
Sabrina Carter – Fulton Co Extension

### *Minutes:*

Chair, Christine Tawasha called the meeting to order at 11:45 PM on Tuesday, December 3, 2013. There was a quorum so the meeting was officially in order.

- Circle of Love Update- Chair, Christine Tawasha mentions the Circle of Love has agreed to sponsor 50 children and initiates the effort, matching kids with departments and donors.
- Brooke Stone (for Lisa Collins) opens the floor to suggestions or current issues-

Additional ideas for StaffLinks outreach are proposed such as mentoring GED students, collecting resources for newcomers to the UK community and a Bowl for Kids' Sake.

Alicia Landon briefly discusses plans to move International Book Project Bins to new campus locations. More information is to follow via email after the meeting.

Karin Pekarchik proposes additional efforts to identify and benefit groups with-in the College and University that need assistance as a new direction to direct StaffLinks efforts.

#### ● Rain Garden Project-

Drs. Rebecca McCulley and Carmen Agouridis discuss the rain garden project which was proposed to Dr. Agouridis by students of her course on low impact architecture. The rain garden was funded from the student sustainability fee and a water-quality grant from LFUCG. Its maintenance is overseen by the Horticulture Department Environmental Resource Club and Drs. McCulley and Agouridis are seeking other clubs and organizations who are interested in taking a role in maintaining. Additionally, the rain garden is being used as a teaching lab for Environmental Management students and expanded programming options for the community and UK staff are being explored. Staff Links was asked to consider the popularity of a rain garden workshop or another related workshop combined with Arboretum programming.

#### ● Pedestrian Walkway Project (12:35 p.m.)-

Bob Brashear and Lance Broeking discuss the closure of the Veterans Dr. tunnel to vehicles due to safety concerns. The pedestrian walkway under the tunnel furthers the campus master plan of creating a more pedestrian friendly campus, improving pedestrian and bicycle gateways and unifying south campus with main campus.

Changes include an asphalt overlay under the tunnel, removal of parking spaces and speed bumps and unification of sidewalk under the pedway with the sidewalk leading into the Plant Science Building.

On farm road they discussed the plan to improve signage, restripe crosswalks and install mid-crosswalk pedestrian signs in between lanes.

Bob Brasher presents the proposed “road diet” for University and Cooper Drives to slow traffic where LFUCG plans to add a painted median between the Plant Science Building and Garrigus to increase safety when the pedway isn’t in use. Addition signs provided by LFUCG are also in the works near University and Complex Dr., University and Hospital Dr. intersections.

#### ● Final Business:

Karin Pekarchik proposes to invite Dr. Cox back to find out what we can do as an organization to serve the College and University internally and to further explore what role StaffLinks might take in supporting existing programs on campus.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM. Respectfully submitted by Alicia Landon, Secretary.