

MINUTES

University of Kentucky
College of Agriculture
StaffLINKS Committee Meeting
March 21, 2013



Attendance:

Chair Christina Tawasha - Plant & Soil Science
Lissa Pohl - Community & Leadership Development
Alicia Landon – Plant Pathology
Lisa Collins - Administrative Advisor
Cindy Stidham – Animal and Food Sciences
Debbie Gutierrez – Forestry
Kacie Johansen – Entomology
April Collier- Ag Business Office
Monica Shuler – Horticulture
Debbie Mollett – Veterinary Sciences
Christina Goff - County Extension Programs
Julie Tolliver – Bio Systems & Ag Engineering

Attending via Lync

Gil Thurman – Franklin Co Extension
Steve Patton- Ag Communications
Marilyn Lauer – Campbell Co Extension
Stephanie Crouch – County Extension
Marilyn Hooks- West Kentucky Station Ext.
Sabrina Carter – Fulton Co Extension

Absent:

Paul Wilson- Regulatory Services
Patt Thompson – Ag Econ
Bob Holley- KTRDC
Helen Williams - Veterinary Diagnostic Lab?

Programs

Kym Pope - County Extension Programs
Diane Warren- Quicksand Extension
Lois Warren- Jackson Extension
Diana Wilson- County Extension
Carolyn Morris- County Extension

Minutes:

Chair Christine Tawasha called the meeting to order at 12.09 PM on Thursday, March 21, 2013. There was a quorum so the meeting was officially in order.

Green Dot/ VIP Center Presentation-

Amanda Nicksic from the UK VIP (Violence Intervention and Prevention) Center gave a presentation on preventing violence at UK.

Amanda presented several initiatives the VIP center is involved in, centering around its two primary principles of intervention and prevention. Amanda highlighted several programs including “Take Back the Night” which is an annual event that takes place in late March and VIP workshops available to groups at UK. Workshops usually consist of 6 total contact hours but

compacted sessions are available for special groups. Some discussion was dedicated to the logistics and availability of programming for the College of Ag. The VIP center is located on the lower level of Frazee Hall across from the Student Center.

Special thanks to Amanda Nicksic for providing Staff Links reps with green, VIP cups containing valuable information to pass on to our departments.

Dean Search Committee-

Christine Tawasha opens discussion of comments and concerns regarding the Dean Search Committee at 12:52 PM. Select meetings during the selection process are open to all including staff though it was up for question if the staff would have an opportunity to look at the curricula vitae of the candidates and give feedback. Lissa Pohl requested that a list of members on the selection committee be distributed to Staff Links' so representatives know to whom to direct questions and concerns.

Administrative Issues/Suggestions-

Construction of the new courtyard area by Garrigus and Ag. North buildings is scheduled to commence on May 20th and Lisa Collins announces that the Forestry department is looking for donors to purchase donor pavers which are made of permeable material to help with drainage. There are plans for lighting, signage and temporary wooden walkways in order to keep access to all areas during the construction. Lissa Pohl suggests the additional fundraising could be an opportunity for the landscape architecture students to get hands on experience with that side of their profession.

Other Business-

- Chair, Christine Tawasha, reminds Staff Links' reps that the terms of many are nearing an end this June of 2013. Representatives should reply to Lisa Collins's email through Betsy if they will continue on to another term or if they will be selecting a new department representative for the next meeting tentatively scheduled for June 18th.
- Christine Tawasha will submit an annual report to Lisa Collins by the June meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:13 PM. Respectfully submitted by Alicia Landon, Secretary.