

Family & Consumer Sciences Taskforce for Program Advancement
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2005, 2 pm, Central Time

Task Force Participants:

Patsy Brannon, Billie Collier, Dixie R. Crase, Lynda Harriman, Gearldean Johnson, Stephen R. Jorgensen, Carol Kellett, Gay Nell McGinnis, Lynette J. Olson, Mary Pritchard, Bernice Richardson, Frances Shipley, Virginia Vincenti

Present: Crase, Johnson, Jorgensen, McGinnis, Pritchard, Shipley, Stewart

Goal: To proactively and collaboratively strengthen FCS higher education programs.

In Virginia Vincenti's absence, Steve Jorgensen called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm Central Time.

Dixie Crase agreed to take the minutes.

1. Website content submissions –

Steve Jorgensen provided the URL, which is TFPA.CAFCS.ORG. Minutes of conference calls are available. In the future, the expert database, research reports, and other items of interest will be included on the website. The need for a link to this site from the AAFCS website was noted, as was the possible need for a link on the AAFCS website to the CAFCS website. Steve and Lynette will work with Gay Nell to make this happen.

2. Cost of previous conference calls –

Gay Nell McGinnis will provide the conference call schedules on the Task Force website to AAFCS Accounting to determine the cost of the conference calls.

3. Update on survey of criteria for success –

Steve requests that all Task Force members review and edit the instrument distributed prior to the phone conference. Forward all suggestions to Steve in the next week or so.

4. Analysis of website data by Carol Kellett, Lynette Olson, Virginia Vincenti –

The outline of the information was distributed prior to the phone conference and will be provided in an AAFCS Poster Presentation in Minneapolis. Barbara Stewart will forward the data base, in the form of an Excel spreadsheet, to the Task Force participants.

5. Literature review on program viability –

This agenda item will appear on the next conference call.

6. Changing the field name from “home economics” –

Frances will contact Virginia Moxley at Kansas State University to get advice about seeking changes in the profession’s various names in key databases. Perhaps a subcommittee of the Task Force will be asked pursue this initiative in the future.

7. The Task Force discussed the recent rearrangements of programs at Michigan State University and University of Minnesota. Steve announced the recent gift of \$8.5 million dollars to the University Of Missouri College of Human Environmental Sciences for an interdisciplinary Center for Autism. This was brought up as an example of the importance of cross-campus collaboration and interdisciplinary work in the program enhancement arena.

8. The minutes of the April 1, 2005 meeting were approved with one correction. Item #5 was corrected to note that web site information should be sent to Lynette Olson and Steve Jorgensen, and not Frances Shipley.

9. Barbara Stewart announced that she will maintain her university position but will spend time in Australia next few years. Her email address will remain the same.

Next meeting is June 16 at 2 pm central daylight time.