

**Agenda**  
**Family and consumer Sciences Program Viability Taskforce**

**June 9, 2004, 12:00 p.m. EDT**

**Participants:**

\*Lynette Olson, Higher Education Unit  
\*Virginia Vincenti, AAFCS  
\*Carol Kellett, Board on Human Sciences  
Erskine Smith, \*Frances Shipley, Council of Administrators of FCS  
\*Dixie Crase, HEU Undergraduate Commission  
\*Billie Collier, HEU Graduate Commission  
Bernice Richardson, \*Shirley Hyman-Parker 1890 Administrators  
Barbara Stewart, College, University and Research Section

\*present on the call including Mary Ellen Saunders

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

**Lynette** will take minutes for this conference call and distribute them to the whole group

**No additions/corrections to the minutes from the last meeting. Approved as distributed.**

**Old Business:**

Update on Iowa State University, College of FCS

(Attachments: letter & presentation & slides, give at ISU,

revised from presentation to Korean Home Economics Association)

Ginny

**Ginny reported that she had forwarded response from one of the Regents.**

**Big concern of ISU faculty: if all teacher ed programs merge into the same college in that FCS ed might be weakened when/if decisions are made in the future by faculty vote of teacher educators who don't value FCS.**

**Ginny still has not gotten an appointment to speak with the president and provost. She has encouraged the faculty to develop a proposal that would be well accepted and that would strengthen FCS. Some senior faculty do see the need to mentor new/younger faculty concerning the whole of FCS.**

**She summarized that we are learning a lot through this process. It is taking her a great deal of time to make calls, etc. She suggested that we need to address this by getting more people involved in this process of facilitating win-win solutions.**

Update on Michigan State University and response to Trustees,  
College of Human Ecology (letter attached)

Ginny

**Ginny has recalled all the trustees after being told by a Human Ecology faculty member that the Provost interviewed Linda Nelson (retired Human Ecology faculty members) as an alternative for the interim Dean position. The Provost met with the faculty and told them that the current interim dean (Doug Abbott) will stay in place and proceed with the dismantling of the college. Ginny questions whether or not the trustees know about this. The whole plan is not in place, however, it appears**

the Provost wants to have this accomplished by fall and approved by the campus governance process before presenting it to the Trustees in December. Billie asked whether or not the Faculty Senate has been involved. Ginny has the name of the College representative for the College of FCS at ISU, but has not yet made the calls. She will follow up on this for Michigan State. The President is leaving MSU in the next few months. Ginny asked for volunteers to help make calls: Billie indicated that she would do so when she has clarity on her position and is free to do so.

Billie reported on the status of FCS at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. There has been a new dean named for (Bob Rider) the new college of Education, Health and Human Sciences. There is still a lot of upheaval. Nutrition and Child & Family Studies moved to this college as departments, little change. Textile Science went to Engineering. Interior Design moved to architecture several years ago. Textiles and clothing no longer exist.?????????I thought Billie said that textiles was an option within Merchandising.????????? Service Management is the remaining area with concentrations in merchandising, hospitality, recreation. ??????????Billie did you say consumer economics still exists????????? No longer doing teacher certification. Billie's academic appointment is now in engineering.

Panel presentation at AAFCS:

Carol mentioned the need to be complementary to the forum (Golden West, Higher Education Plenary Session) that is being held Monday afternoon. Ginny led us through the agenda for the "Surviving to Thriving" session which is to focus on the work of the Program Viability Taskforce. 5:00 to 6:30 (Pacific 5).

Program Viability Taskforce meeting

The open Program Viability Task Force meeting will be held 7:30 – 9:00 pm on Friday, June 25 (Pacific 4). Lynette will encourage participation of all HEU, stressing our focus on being proactive. Mary Ellen will send special invitations to administrators of the units that Lynette identifies as having particularly good models. The meeting is to focus on building proactivity.

**New Business:**

Extension representative on this taskforce

We discussed the request for extension representation. Nayda Torres has been suggested as a participant. Lynette agreed to call Nayda and invite her to participate. Mary Ellen will provide a phone number.

Doctoral student to work fall semester with the taskforce

Ginny

Ginny has a student doing an independent study who is interested in working with the taskforce. Ginny will develop a plan for this student and will share with the task force for input.

Monograph

Models of FCS that work well, which units, e.g. FSU, NDSU  
1890s FCS programs strong?, why?

Lynette

**We have heard from about 20 institutions. We will continue to gather information and will send another reminder. Barbara and Carol will help summarize the information. Lynette will develop a list of institutions to call (i.e., FSU, NDSU, 1890s). Shirley volunteered to help contact the 1890 schools. Ginny encouraged us to get this done in July.**

Presentations from NASULGC BOHS meeting last fall

Carol & Billie

**Billie will contact Karla Hughes again to get her presentation and resend them to Carol.**

Other units potentially needing help—Mississippi State U., Southern Utah

**Mississippi State – Gary Jackson is the acting administrator. End of May announcement that Food Science would go to Agriculture. Interior Design to new college (architecture). Teacher ed program may be weakened in that the courses are being distributed and there may not be support. This type of dismantling happened at Ole Miss. And at the University of S. Mississippi.**

**[Time did not permit reporting of S. Utah University's Division of Family and Consumer Sciences' status. Ginny will send it after the conference call.]**

Expanding/Reintegrating Unit—University of Texas, Austin, Department of Human Ecology

**Ginny reported that this program has been doing so well that the Dean of the college (natural sciences )in which it resides is supportive of them becoming a school or college. Ginny has invited the department chair to come to AAFCS to participate in the higher education plenary session to share resources they have used to promote and justify this move.**

**The meeting was closed at this point because several members had to leave the call (12:20 pm CDT).**

Candidates for deans positions open, e.g. College of Agriculture and Human Sciences at UTK,

Manual of Strategies

- compile structures/options in institutions that seem to be viable
- identify strategies vulnerable units, especially those that are beginning academic planning and/or restructuring
- identify the process that is going to be used and urge opportunity for input from our profession in constructive dialogue; letters from alums of various cohorts to admin, trustees/regents, & legislators
- contact administration offering to participate in discussion to generate options on behalf of the profession
- contact trustees or board of regents (which ever is relevant) offering ideas for consideration and urging an open process
- ask for input from administration and governing boards about how we as a profession can be helpful
- other points\_\_\_\_\_

**Business for future meetings/conference calls:**

Educating faculty and administrators--"The FCS Profession Beyond Your Specializations"

Develop a draft conceptualization for the grant proposal

Possible Consultants/Mentors who are FCS professionals

Next meeting/call \_\_\_\_ We will meet next at AAFCS at San Diego. \_\_\_\_\_

Host for next call \_\_\_\_\_