

## Program Viability Task Force

### Conference Call

September 13, 2004

3:00 PM CDT

Members Present: Lynette Olson, Barbara Stewart, Billie Collier, Steve Jorgensen, Lynda Harriman, Shirley Hymon-Parker, Francis Shipley, Virginia Vincenti, Dixie Crase.

The meeting was called to order with no additions or changes to the agenda.

Initial discussion focused on the manuscript written by Ginny Vincenti relating to varying conceptualizations of the family and consumer sciences field and creating a viable future for the profession. It is currently under review with FCSRJ. She will send an e-version to members of the task force who had not yet received it.

Carol Kellet is working on a second manuscript on the profession and higher education programs, but it is not yet completed.

The plan for the Vincenti paper is to have a number of respondents write responses to the article for publication in FCSRJ. Several possible names were mentioned, including Graham Spanier, Marjorie Kostelnik, Nancy Belk, Judy Bonner, Tahira Hira, Kitty Coffey, Martha Brown, and several others. We discussed the idea of having representatives from a number of different types of institutions (Research/Doctoral Intensive, Undergraduate/Masters, Small/Private, etc.) write responses.

Lynette and Barbara led a discussion about the survey of institutional structure types for FCS programs. The main question to be answered is, "What are the structural environments under which FCS programs operate?" A questionnaire was completed by approximately 40 institutional HEU representatives during the annual meeting in June, but the data have not proved to be very useful. A broader survey is needed to develop a taxonomy of existing program structures. In order to do this, a survey instrument will be sent to units from mailing lists provided by BOHS, CAFCS, and HEU. Barbara Stewart will lead this effort.

Lynda Harriman expressed concerns about Extension programs. Southern Extension program leaders are conducting a survey of their members to determine such issues as positions lost, structure changes, budget trends, etc. There is no longer an ECOP subcommittee on FCS.

A joint meeting of CAFCS and BOHS is being planned for February, 2005. The joint planning is being conducted by Laurie Nichols and Loretta Prater. Barbara, Carol, and Lynette can represent our Task Force at this session.

Our next conference call meeting is scheduled for *October 4, 2004 at 2:30 PM Central time*.