

**Conference Call Minutes**  
**Family & Consumer Sciences Taskforce for Program Advancement**  
**October 11, 3:30 Central, 4:30 Eastern, 2:30 Mountain**

Dial into AAFCS 703-706-4600 if you have prepaid phone service or 800-424-8080.

**Taskforce Participants:**

Ann Austin, HEU Graduate Commission; Duane Whitbeck, HEU Undergraduate Commission; Jorge Atilas, University of Georgia, Extension representative to this taskforce; Bonnie Braun, AAFCS President-Elect; Mary Prichard, Past President of Council of Administrators of FCS (CAFCS); Billie Collier, Chair, CAFCS; Gearldean Johnson, Council of 1890s FCS Administrators; Barbara Stewart, College, University and Research section of AAFCS, University & Research Section; Virginia Vincenti, AAFCS, Past President; Gay Nell McGinnis, AAFCS Credentialing Director; and Steve Jorgensen, Chair, AAFCS HEU; Francille Firebaugh, Senior Consultant to the Provost, Visiting Fellow International Agriculture, & Former Dean of the College of Human Ecology.

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

Ann Austin took minutes.

Minutes of the September 11, 2006 from Barbara Stewart were reviewed and several minor changes suggested. Minutes were accepted w/changes.

**Old Business:**

Linkage of emerging administrators' workshop website to our TFPA website? (Billie)  
Item tabled for next time.

TFPA DATABASE update, instructions for authorized users, FAEIS (Ginny)

Ginny will send a new wave of promptings to encourage colleagues to log onto the database to verify and, if necessary, update it. Ginny would appreciate feedback from each task force member on the clarity of instructions for use of database. Instructions are found immediately after logging into database.

Dale and Ginny will prepare a revised task force budget covering the 2007 calendar year to be submitted to CAFCS, HEU, BOHS for funding and to TFPA members for information

Steve will call Bill Richardson to discuss the BOHS benchmarking study and will ask how study was set up & level of USDA support. Purpose of this contact is to gain information to guide our own work. Steve will report back to the task force on his conversation.

Nomenclature work

(Duane)

Duane and GayNell will send letters to AERA and ETS re: our change in nomenclature.

Duane is developing a poster submission for AAFCS and an article for J of F&CS in order to share his methodology on the nomenclature work and his work to date. As awareness is raised, add'l contacts will very probably emerge to further inform the work.

Update on Expansion of Consultants list and publicizing it in the newsletters to HEU, BOHS, and CAFCS members. Connect to admin workshop website (Billie)

Topic tabled until next time.

Barbara sent a "drafty" draft for a comprehensive AAFCS session on taskforce activities. The taskforce appreciated her efforts to move the AAFCS session along; however, after lengthy discussion it was decided that a comprehensive session might be too duplicative of the 2006 presentation. Instead, Dale offered to write and submit a more general proposal that would allow taskforce business to be presented but would not lock us into a specifically scripted program.

Steve suggested that some of the data could be presented at the joint meeting of BOHS & CAFCS in WA DC, Feb 18-21, 2007. Jorge suggested that at this meeting we could set up a station where attendees could come to inspect their own data and add add'l data.

Case study examples, of recent structural changes, Marjorie Kostelnik, Catherine Surra (Steve)

Steve is asked to report on this at our next conference call.

***New Business:***

Are we on track, working on the most important things we could be doing?

Members are comfortable with the direction of the task force and the (remarkable) amount of work that has been accomplished.

Would anyone else want to chair?

Are you kidding? Everyone wants Ginny to continue to chair the taskforce given her passion for the work and her extensive service to and unique understanding of, AAFCS.

***Next conf call date & time*** Monday November 20, 3:00 MST, 4:00 CST, 5:00 EST

(Remember for Barbara Steward to participate 3:00 p.m. CDST is 6:00 a.m. Melbourne, AU time.)