

Minutes
Family & Consumer Sciences Taskforce for Program Advancement
October 31, 2005, 3 p.m. EDST, 2 p.m. CDST, 1 p.m. MDST

Taskforce Participants (underline denotes participation):

Ann Austin, HEU Graduate Commission; Duane Whitbeck, HEU Undergraduate Commission; Lynda Harriman, Oklahoma State University, Extension representative to this taskforce; Dixie Crase, AAFCS President-Elect; Carol Kellett, Board of Human Sciences (BOHS); Frances Shipley, Past President of Council of Administrators of FCS (CAFCS); Mary Pritchard, Chair, CAFCS; Gearldean Johnson, 1890s Institution 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.

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

Mary Pritchard volunteered to take minutes

Minutes of the October 3, 2005 were approved as distributed. Steve will make posting of final documents on the website.

Old Business:

1. Update contact information for TFPA website, send information or corrections to Dale Smith, ddog@uwyo.edu. Ginny sent some updated information. Dale is working to complete the information and check accuracy

Linda, Can you send information about extension programs for the data base?

Ginny is trying to obtain the latest information on accreditation ,other than AAFCS. It is difficult to obtain this information from agency websites.

The group discussed the list of persons on the “missing info” list and identified information for several individuals. Dale will email the individuals and also check the university’s websites for current addresses. Ann Austin will update information from Utah State. Members suggested contact persons for several universities.

2. Frances is unable to continue the task of updating the name of the profession in various databases. Frances offered to share the letter and names of contacts and input from Virginia Moxley to give to the person assuming this responsibility. This will need to start by identifying all the organizations that still use the name “home economics.” Duane suggested that we work on these one at a time and is willing to work with this. He will begin by reviewing the information. Frances will send the information to Duane via email.

The listing in the CIP Codes directory uses the terminology “Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences.

3. Steve has received 52 responses from the 113 surveys that were sent, a nearly 50% response rate. This includes responses from different types of institutions and

configurations. Steve will analyze data in early December. He will present with Ginny & Francille at AAFCS in June and BoHS in March.

One success story is from UT-Austin where the Department of Human Ecology was elevated to a School. Cathy Surra is the new director here.

4. Program proposal for AAFCS, Charlotte, NC was submitted. Are members of the group interested in submitting proposals for presentations at other conferences? What info do we need to disseminate? Ginny suggested a program proposal on analysis of data base. Since no one else was interested, she will go ahead as an individual
5. The group quickly reviewed the Decision Summary to focus attention on previous decisions and note what tasks members have agreed to do. If for some reason you are unable to complete those tasks, please ask for someone else to take responsibility.
6. We still need to work on the consultant list – still need central administrators – Who will work on this now that it is on the website? Lynette sent a request for consultants to BoHS and CAFCS but Lynette is no longer working this project.

We need to have a mechanism for helping needy people know about this consultant list. Institutions undergoing transformation are in touch with others who they know. The group discussed the best way to help them? A list is one part of this. Networking with people is another.

When the decision is in process, there should be folks who could be called upon to provide insight & information. Some institutions work with consultants and others do not.

It was suggested that the AAFCS, BoHS, CAFCS websites are linked to consultant sites without needing to know about TFPA. The organizations should be responsible for establishing their links. Ginny will contact AAFCS. Mary will check with CAFCS and Carol will check with BoHS to have the link placed. Ginny will check with Gearldean regarding the 1890's administrative group.

All members encouraged to review the decision summary to identify priority tasks and find progress. We still need someone to be responsible for oversight of this project.

Items not discussed:

Cost of previous conference calls to share the costs. (Gay Nell)

Consultants: report from HEU, CAFCS and BOHS concerning further nominations of consultants to add to our website (need someone to coordinate & follow up w/ the nominations) (Ginny)

Next Meeting

Next meeting/call will be Monday, 21 November 3:00 CST . The primary agenda will be to discuss input for dialogue at AAFCS Future Search meeting I Atlanta 12/2-4/05, (Concerns you want to have shared)

Submitted by Mary Pritchard