

Conference Call Minutes
Family & Consumer Sciences Taskforce for Program Advancement
November 30, 2007, 2:30 p.m. Mountain, 3:30 p.m. Central, 4:30 p.m. Eastern
Dial into AAFCS 703-706-4600 if you have prepaid phone service or 800-424-8080.

Taskforce Participants: Those in bold were present on the conference call

Ann Austin, AAFCS HEU Graduate Commission; **Jorge Atilas, University of Georgia, Extension representative to this taskforce;** **Billie Collier, Past President of Council of Administrators of FCS (CAFCS);** **Gearldean Johnson, Council of 1890s FCS Administrators;** **Gay Nell McGinnis, AAFCS Credentialing Director;** **Laurie Stenberg Nichols, AAFCS HEU Chair;** Janet Pope, President, CAFCS; Barbara Stewart, AAFCS University & Research Section; **Virginia Vincenti, AAFCS, Past President;** **Duane Whitbeck, AAFCS HEU Undergraduate Commission;** Kay Wilder, AAFCS Board; Francille Firebaugh, Senior Consultant to the Provost, Visiting Fellow International Agriculture, & Former Dean of the College of Human Ecology.

Assignment to task force members for next conference call: An assignment was given to all participants that for the next conference call each should be prepared to offer a question or questions that could potentially be answered by use of the database.

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

Volunteer to take the minutes. When taking the minutes, change the heading of AGENDA to MINUTES.

The October 15, 2007 minutes were distributed by Barbara Stewart. – Minutes were approved

Adjustments to the agenda if needed. – Budget was added

Old Business:

Update on sessions at AAFCS

(Duane)
(Gay Nell)

Steve Jorgenson has sent in a proposal concerning demonstrating the database. Virginia Vincenti will participate. Billie will ask Steve to send a copy of what was submitted to the Taskforce. Virginia will see to it that the demonstration of the database will be done without having to be online at the time. It was brought up that a digital projector will need to be secured for the presentation to avoid having to rent one there. (may be someone who brings one for their own presentation would allow use.) This needs to be pursued.

Some possible ideas included the interactive use of the database, usability of the database (Duane shared how it was used in faculty search process to hone advertisement mailings)

Virginia stated that there are a series of about 10 test case questions – there is a need to share those questions of what the data base could be used to answer.

Virginia shared that the database has/is being reorganized in structure. It will be set up in a tree (outline) format similar to e-mail so it is possible to see various levels and move more rapidly between content by those levels. Folders will appear on the left with content on the right. The project will take more time but will come in within the budget. Following this the effort will go back to trying to correct data.

Duane will try to find information on if the use of the database worked. Will report any information. Also on any errors found.

Data base when finished will include a search function based on Virginia's conversation of the prior day with the individual doing the work.

Ginny will send out the link to the Database when the meaningful changes are complete.

Update on Nomenclature work (letters to AERA & ETS,
(List of all "places" where HE has been changed to FCS)

(Duane)

Nothing new as places where contacts were made by letter appear to have not worked. Need to identify someone within organizations to make personal contact with. Duane will write up a synopsis that could go into the HEU Newsletter and provide it to Laurie Stenberg Nichols which will include a plea for help.

Contact was made again with the Library of Congress to address issue raised by Virginia about the Subject heading search. No apparent headway.

Billie brought up a ranking of programs by the Academic Analytics under the heading of Family, Consumer and Human Sciences. This addressed productivity indexes for university programs. There was confusion about what it was and the accuracy of what was reported. Billie will send the URL to be included in the minutes. <http://chronicle.com/stats/productivity/>

Case study examples, of recent structural changes, OK State U., KSU

Only three are posted and there is no indication of any use or value. Need to look into more and know something about how often accessed. Billie will ask Dorothy about making an adjustment to the tag on the web page so it indicates that the case studies will be found in the resources section to help people find them.

Update on TFPA-WIS database project
Use of database

(Ginny)
(Duane)

Covered above

Moving TFPA under HEU

(Billie)

Janet Pope will bring to the CAFCS Board the questions of moving the Database to HEU. It will be considered by the BoHS at its conference call next week. HEU is still searching for a purpose and mission. This may help.

New Business:

TFPA – issue of continued financial support. Need to continue the substantive, supportive participation of all groups. Gay Nell suggested creating a document that outlined what it might look like through a structural representation, so there would be a consistent message to CAFCS, BoHS, and HEU.

- HEU would be host to the efforts of TFPA.
- All organizations would have equal input and support of the effort.
- Each would have representation and provide financial support
- Leadership would rotate among the organizations
- Each would supply priorities of what the plan of work should be of the TFPA
- AAFCS would serve as the entity in charge of financial management.

TFPA as an AAFCS Community

(Duane)

TFPA Mission and Actions

(All)

Before the teleconference, please read the current Mission and action steps on the web site.

Duane proposed supporting some type of initial funded research using the database. Virginia stated that there are a series of questions as a part of the old database that will be made available to the discussion. **An assignment was given to all participants that for the next conference call each should be prepared to offer a question or questions that could potentially be answered by use of the database.**

Budget

Website is hosted by CAFCS

Database – Taskforce

Conference calls are being funded by AAFCS

Next conf call date and time will be January 18th, 2008 at 4:30 Eastern, 3:30 Central, 2:30 Mountain and 1:30 for those on the west coast.

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