

Minutes
Family & Consumer Sciences Taskforce for Program Advancement
Conference Call
December 12, 2005, 4 p.m. ET, 3 p.m. CT, 2 p.m. MT

Taskforce Participants:

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.

Ginny Vincenti agreed to take the minutes.

The minutes of the November 21, 2005 were approved as distributed.

Old Business:

Gay Nell reported that the cost of previous conference calls is being researched. She will see that this task is completed so that the sponsoring organizations can share the costs of the calls. Ginny will contact Valerie Colyard to determine the 1890s administrators role in helping to finance the TFPA work.

Old Unfinished Business from Decision Summary:

Barbara and Ginny have a draft of a manuscript on the database project, developed from Ginny's presentation in October at the Society for Human Ecology.

Ginny asked Billie Collier for the papers she obtained from Marjorie Kostelnik and Shirley Hymon Parker that we planned to post of the TFPA website. Ginny also reminded Karla Hughes when she saw her at the AAFCS meeting in Atlanta the first weekend in December. Karla said she would have more time to do it this year since she has an ACE fellowship. All three had given presentations at BOHS a couple of years ago on restructuring of their programs. Ginny will ask Steve Jorgensen if he would be willing to write a letter to Karla asking her for this paper.

Ginny reported having talked with Anna Mae Kobbe during the same Atlanta meeting about possible sources of ongoing funding for our database project. Anna Mae suggested contacting Jeff Gilmore, who heads the FAEIS project to see if it could be folded into that project. The taskforce needs to decide on its next conference call whether this is a good idea. Ginny will try to obtain more details for consideration including contacting Dennis Savianno who represents BOHS and Ann Vail who represents CAFCS on the FAEIS committee.

Linking TFPA website to BOHS, AAFCS and 1890s administrators' website. We decided that it would be best to add a Higher Education link within the Education link on the left side of the AAFCS website and to add a link to the TFPA website within that page. Ginny will send Gay Nell a paragraph describing the TFPA.

Request that FCSRJ include add refereed pubs and grants and contracts for FCS units to the thesis and dissertation data it publishes. This was in the Decision Summary, but later

the taskforce had decided that if this data is being collected somewhere else that we would link it to the TFPA website. Ginny will talk with Dennis Savianno about this when she contacts him about the FAEIS project.

New Business:

Duane will contact Frances Shipley to obtain her work on getting home economics updated to FCS in databases. Ginny suggested that he think about the Library of Congress Classification system and the Dewey Decimal System to consider whether we need to reposition our profession in those systems at the same time we change the name. This is part of what needs to be considered to more clearly conceptualize our profession.

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There was some concern expressed that the process used was too fast and that it was not clear whether the discussions and decisions were focused on AAFCS or the profession of FCS. The attendees seemed to be confused too, referring to a discussion near the end of the conference. There was also concern that the common ground did not represent what was discussed earlier; that some of the insights were lost along the way when later steps in the process were handled. Gay Nell explained that it was not meant to be making decisions for the profession as a whole, but to get a sense of the direction the profession was going as a basis for the restructuring decision. Concern was expressed that the right people might not have been there to give an accurate assessment of the profession.

Update of CAFCS coordinated administrator workshops was given by Mary who said the content of the workshops are being planned now and that could be shared at a later time with the Taskforce. Those present think that the description of these workshops is on the CAFCS website should be linked into the TFPA website.

Next meeting/call is scheduled for February 6th from 3 p.m. Central Time.