

Department Heads Council
Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2011
10:00 A.M. Room 297

Members Present:

Chris Allison, Priscilla Bloomquist, Jon Boren, Tracey Carrillo, Cynda Clary, Terry Crawford, Martha Desmond, Esther Devall, Mark Gladden, Barbara Chamberlin for Jeannne Gleason, Natalie Goldberg, Frank Hodnett, Jim Libbin, Gary Lowe, Steve Loring, Tim Nesbitt, John Mexal for Rich Pratt, Tim Ross, Jill Schroeder, Dave Thompson

Members Absent:

Lowell Catlett, Jeanne Gleason, Janet Green

1. Approval of Minutes for February 2011
 - Minutes were approved.
2. Faculty Senate Update
 - Priscilla Bloomquist: new proposition name change to the Department of Economics and International Business to the Department of Economics, Applied Statistics, and International Business; discussed the plus/minus grade system; asked Department Heads to remind faculty to vote for Faculty Senate chair and the additional senate seat for the college.
3. Budget Update:
 - Tim Nesbitt: gave Department Heads update on the budget issues.
4. Others
 - Gary Lowe: gave a summary sheet handout and discussed the Aggies Go Global program.
 - Mark Gladden: working with Bob Porter and San Juan County Extension for new scholarships; Gerald Thomas Fund raising Scholarship Event was a success; Linda Stout committed to put \$25,000 into a program to bring women from Africa to learn how we train Extension Agents; commented on the Cowboy for Cancers endowment.
 - Chris Allison: mentioned Robert Hagevoort receiving the first Dairy Endow Chair; Mike Hubbard is the new superintendent for Clayton Research Center.
 - Martha Desmond: hired Scott Carlton as Asst Leader in the USGS Coop Fish and Wildlife Research unit. Scott will start in August.
 - Barbara Chamberlin: Media Production held an Open House last week to let people know what they have to offer; talked about Creative writing; looking for volunteers to increase physical activity in the game lab during lunch hours.
 - Terry Crawford: NAMA team took 3rd overall at the Agri- Marketing Conference in Kansas City; attended State Commission of Waters of the State of Queretaro.
 - John Mexal: discussed tuition waivers for students from Mexico and instate tuition for the Peace Corp fellows; Oasis Club Earth Day was a success.
 - Cynda Clary: will teach Freshman Orientation class during the Fall semester.
 - Tim Ross: reminded Department Heads of the 29th Annual Cattle and Horse sale on April 30th at NMSU Horse Center; Laura White will start in July as Asst Professor for Equine Science; NMSU Ranch Horse Team took 3rd place at the Collegiate Championship

at Texas Tech University; ending Gerald Thomas Chair term with Milt Thomas. Milt Thomas will be leaving in December to Colorado State University.

- Jill Schroeder: talked about David Richman retirement and his contribution to the bug museum.
- Esther Devall: met with Secretary of Health Torres and discuss what extension was doing in the health arena; discussed the Cowboy for Cancer program; FCS had a recruitment event on April 12th.
- Tracey Carrillo: gave an update on the Cowboy for Cancer research program.
- Jon Boren: discussed how CES has been working with Media Production on the Desert Bloom website. The website is: <http://desertblooms.nmsu.edu/>.
- David Thompson: Department Heads evaluations will be scheduled in the next month.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Pam Miller.

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Approved Date