

Greenhouse Committee Meeting Minutes, May 10, 2016

The meeting started at 3:02 p.m.

Present: Anne Streich, Alan Christensen, Amy Hilske, Hector Santiago, Matt Anderson, Stephen Wegulo, James Schnable, Ed Cahoon, Lance Meinke, Scott Sattler. Absent: Keenan Amundsen

Approval of Minutes of March 7, 2016 Meeting

Schnable moved to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2016 meeting; Meinke seconded. The minutes were approved.

Updates and Announcements

Old Business

Review of all current projects (new growth chambers, greenhouse repairs, etc.)

Hilske reviewed current projects:

- \$75,000 from the Nebraska Research Initiative is available for greenhouse improvements of which she has a list
- Five new growth chambers have been ordered, two for Beadle and three for Agronomy/Horticulture greenhouse 4
- A spreadsheet has been created on how available money will be used on greenhouse projects
- The proposal that had earlier been put forward by UNL Facilities Planning & Construction to purchase LED lights for the entire Beadle greenhouse was not successful
- LED lights will be installed in Room 1D of the Beadle greenhouse
- Fertilizer injectors will be added to the East Campus greenhouses
- Gravel beds will be converted to concrete floors and new benches will replace old ones in Agronomy/Horticulture greenhouses 3 and 4.
- A new drinking fountain has been added to Agronomy/Horticulture greenhouse 4; more will be added to other greenhouses
- The company reviewing UNL greenhouses, Davis Design, will present its report in the summer of 2016

New Business

Additional fee option for Beadle greenhouses:

Streich said Dean Archie Clutter has suggested an additional fee option for the Beadle greenhouses. Currently \$1.10 is charged per square foot for Tier 1 service. The proposed option will be a subset of Tier 1 that will charge \$0.75 per square foot. Santiago explained that the reason for the additional fee option is to give more flexibility to users and satisfy a wider set of needs for faculty, some of whom have expressed a desire for an additional tier. The committee agreed to take a look at the proposal and formally approve it in September 2016, **but was consensus to recommend that the option be available immediately.** IANR's Agricultural Research Division will cover the difference in cost between Tier 1 and the new tier.

Nominations for Secretary/Chair-elect:

Streich who is the outgoing Chair of the Greenhouse Committee called for nominations for Secretary/Chair-elect for the coming year (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017). Committee members can forward nominations to her via email or other communication channels. The current Secretary/Chair elect is Stephen Wegulo who will assume the duties of Chair on July 1, 2016.

Other Business

Streich said the cost estimate for updating the proposed teaching greenhouse/classroom space is in progress. Additional information regarding space and equipment needs from teaching faculty will be finalized at the end of May. After the estimate is complete the next step is development of renderings to assist with fund acquisition. She said she had an opportunity to give UNL President Hank Bounds a tour of the greenhouses this spring and share the vision of new teaching greenhouses with him.

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.