

Greenhouse Committee Meeting Minutes, September 23, 2016

The meeting started at 1:00 p.m.

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

Updates and Announcements

Old Business

Nominations for Secretary/Chair-elect

Wegulo, current Greenhouse Committee Chair, called for nominations for Secretary/Chair-elect for the current year (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017). Wegulo nominated Ed Cahoon, and the nomination was accepted by Cahoon. Cahoon was approved as the Secretary/Chair-elect.

New Business

Dean Archie Clutter visit with the committee:

Dean Clutter identified three areas of concentration for the upcoming year. These areas include: creating dashboard data to be available on the greenhouse website that would include the current status of greenhouse space, monitoring peer rates to make sure UNL Greenhouse rates are competitive so that researchers are in a good position to write costs into grant proposals, and identifying future areas of growth and improvement and funding resources that can be used for sustainable growth. Dean Clutter also responded to a series of questions from committee members about faculty governance, transparency, and the use of NIC greenhouses.

Update on Davis Design facilities conditions assessment:

Amy Hilske provided the committee an abbreviated hard copy of the report. She indicated that three greenhouses were identified for replacement as the necessary upgrades were extensive – plant science teaching greenhouse, insectary building, and AGH2. Three greenhouses were identified for renovation or rebuilding – AGH3, AGH4, and plant pathology. Three greenhouses were identified as fine – NE statewide arboretum, natural resource research annex (no greenhouse, just a building), and Beadle. Cost estimates for renovating and rebuilding will be coming from Davis Designs in the next two weeks.

New tier update:

Amy Hilske reported thirteen users moved to the new tier (Tier 1A) created in July. Income dropped \$1209.16 from moving these users from Tier 1 to Tier 1A in both July and August.

Additional agenda items:

Due to time constraints, project updates, proposal to add air conditioning to the Beadle greenhouses, beginning of review to setting rates for CY2017, and policy creation for Arabidopsis growth chambers and transgenic plants, soil, and pathogens were tabled until the next meeting in early November.

Approval of Minutes of May 10, 2016.

Christensen moved to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2016 meeting; Amundsen seconded. The minutes were approved.

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m.