

ARD Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

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In Attendance: Associate Dean Tala Awada, Dr. Jeffrey Bradshaw, Dean Archie Clutter, Dr. Maria De Guzman, Associate Dean Deb Hamernik, Dr. Michael Hayes, Dr. David Hyten, Dr. Oleh Khalimonchuk, Dr. Jim MacDonald, Dr. Fernando Osorio, Dr. Emie Yiannaka

Approval of November 30, 2017 minutes

A motion was made by Mike Hayes to approve the minutes and seconded by Fernando Osorio. The council members approved the minutes with one abstention from the November 30, 2017 ARD Advisory Council Meeting.

Feedback on Nebraska Extension changes regarding AI reporting

Jeff Bradshaw gave an update on the experiences in Extension related to Activity Insight (AI) for 2017. The goal was for the Extension faculty to align their programs to Issue Teams. The faculty were to “pick one” Issue Team, but the AI process still allowed for multiple teams to be selected. The intention is that this will be fixed in 2018. The faculty also were to limit the number of programs they report on to 5: the “most impactful” or “key” programs. Given the focus of the ARD Advisory Council on “Teams”, Jeff offered that progress still needs to be made in that regard in the AI process.

The ARD Advisory Council discussed the AI topic, including ways to improve summary statements. Associate Dean Awada mentioned that training sessions were provided and the summary statement was a topic in these sessions. Continuing that in 2018 will be a goal and maybe more examples of good summary statements, or a guide providing examples, will be incorporated into the training sessions in 2018. Council members also noted that the summary statements need to be tailored for each unit based on the needs and requests of the individual department heads and P&T Committees.

Action Item: For the May 2nd ARD Advisory Council meeting, Associate Dean Awada will send out a draft of AI changes related to team-oriented activities. The Council will review the draft and this will be a topic for discussion at the May 2nd meeting.

FFAR Proposal Update

Dean Clutter provided an update on the latest FFAR developments and the call for proposals for graduate fellowships due on March 15th. A second deadline exists for entities interested in graduate student professional development funding opportunities on June 1.

Details for the fellowship include \$50,000 per year for 3 years, with half of the funding from FFAR and half of the funding from a partnering company. Training and professional development

activities are included into the fellowship. The “cohort” of recipients will also have professional development opportunities together. A company does not need to be identified for the fellowship proposal—proposal can suggest companies but a firm commitment is not needed.

Dean Clutter added that he would then like to build on this program at UNL and partner with other companies beyond the FFAR program. Additional discussion among the Advisory Council members talked about the importance of graduate student professional development overall. Dean Clutter mentioned that other opportunities are being considered and that Steve Baenziger is also working on this for CASNR.

UNL will likely bid for the opportunity to host the FFAR cohort in either Year 2 or Year 3 of the program.

If faculty are submitting a proposal, the proposal is submitted to FFAR, but please let ARD know.

On an additional topic, Dean Clutter mentioned that he has been tasked with meeting with Center Directors in IANR on a regular basis.

Next Meeting – May 2, 2018; 9:30-10:30am

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ashleigh Ravnika