

Greenhouse Committee Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2018

The meeting started at 10:00 a.m.

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

Approval of Minutes of September 26, 2018 Meeting

Amundsen motioned for the approval of the minutes. Wegulo moved to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2018 meeting; Cahoon seconded. The minutes were approved with no objections.

Budget and Rates Discussion and Approval

Jared Evert, ARD Finance and Office Manager, attended the meeting to discuss and share an operational summary of the IANR plant growth facilities. The committee members discussed factors that could affect the rates for users.

Hilske noted that the 2019 goal will be to find a way to use the reserve balance effectively.

Jared Evert exited the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

The committee members discussed various rates and utilized the spreadsheet the Jared Evert provided to the group. During discussion, it was discussed by the group to change the hourly services rate from \$13 to \$15. Schnable motioned for this rate to be approved. Streich seconded. The committee members approved the hourly services rate to be increased from \$13 to \$15 with no objections.

Cahoon motioned to set the rate at 2.5%. Wegulo seconded. The group approved this rate with no objections.

Schnable requested a future discussion regarding depreciation and how it affects rates and the reserve balance in the future.

Proposed Committee Name Change Discussion and Approval

Hector Santiago proposed that committee name be changed to Plant Growth Facilities Faculty Advisory Committee. Schnable motioned to change the committee name, Christensen seconded. There were no objections from the committee and the change was approved.

Updates – Amy Hilske

Hilske shared that there are six new growth chambers (two at Beadle and four on East Campus). There have been some humidity issues with them.

There was some discussion regarding concerns with continuing to use Conviron for growth chambers due to consistent issues with equipment.

Other Items

Hector Santiago informed the committee members that the external review team members have been finalized and a schedule is being put together. The external review of the UNL Plant Growth and Phenotyping facilities will be held April 2-5, 2019.

Next Meeting – Will be scheduled for spring 2019

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 11:03 a.m.