

Plant Growth Facilities Faculty Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – May 3, 2023 _Approved 2/14/24

The meeting started at 3:05 PM

Members Present: Ming Guo, Katherine Frels, Katarzyna Glowacka, Amit Mitra, Justin McMechan,

Ex-Officio Members Present: Hector Santiago, Amy Hilske, Scott Sattler

Approval of Minutes of the February 24, 2023, Meeting – approval of minutes to happen at the next meeting. Committee members can look at them and send comments in the meantime.

Updates from Amy Hilske –

- Budget rates – need to be turned in by June 1 to get approval.
 - Includes info from the last 3-4 years and projection for FY24
 - Service center: personnel (technicians) and service & supplies.
 - Supplies (pots, soils, chemicals, repairs & maintenance) are the drivers of figures.
 - Managers – subsidized (covered by ARD)
 - Revenue steady between \$350,00-380,000. Does fluctuate based on grants and projects. All revenue is internal (from UNL; no external).

Updates from Hector Santiago –

- Two (2) ARD initiatives:
 - Administrative Scholars Program – 1 year FTE to learn about ARD, also to take leadership on specific project.
 - hoping to get 4 fellows
 - High Impact Publications Award: asking department heads to initiate; 2 submissions per department.
 - Expecting about 6 for 2021 and 2022
 - Recognize the team on the publication (at ARD event this fall)
 - Research needs to be done at UNL

Agenda Items –

- Rate Review – additional discussion from Amy’s updates.
 - Ard covers unused space to the breakeven point.
 - 75 LED lights were bought and work better than HID, but don’t last as long. LED conserves much more energy; HID used a lot of energy.
 - Service center policy state that rates can’t increase more than 5% per year. A 2% increase is recommended to keep up with inflation.
 - Katherine moved to increase rate by 2% as proposed in the document. Amit seconded. All in favor; no one opposed. Motion passed.
- Chair election
 - Table to next meeting

Items from the Floor –

- Process for rates – submit to accounting, get approval, send communication to users
- Transgenic in the field– challenges with where to dry biomass
 - There are ovens at ENREEC

Adjourn –Meeting adjourned at 3:51 PM.