

NOC Agriculture Advisory Board Committee Meeting Minutes August 28, 2018

Board members present were: Scott Blubaugh, Dr. Kurt Campbell, Bart Cardwell, Calvin Crumrine, Dale DeWitt, Dr. Cheryl Evans, Scott Harmon, Timothy Hubbard, Keith James, Jeremy Johns, Dr. Rae Ann Kruse, Tricia Moore, Sheri Snyder, and Dr. Pamela Stinson. Attending via telephone: Francie Tolle. Guests, Livestock judging team members: Andrew Anderson, Breyden Coddling, and Paige Dupin.

Dr. Cheryl Evans welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief announcement of NOC activities and accomplishments. An invitation to the Open House for the new NOC-Stillwater building is in the committee member's packets. The Open House will be September 7 at 2 p.m. NOC will begin developing a new five-year strategic plan during 2018-2019. Watch for invitations to town hall meetings. NOC will install a school-wide software system in the spring. Linda Brown served for 16 years on the NOC Board of Regents and recently went off the board. NOC will honor Regent Brown by naming the board room in the new NOC-Stillwater building for her service. Jodi Cline was sworn in during the July meeting as the newest regent.

Tricia Moore, Agriculture and Biological Sciences chair, introduced Tim Hubbard. Tim is the Assistant Farm Manager/Livestock Judging Coach. Tim brought three judging team members to the meeting to demonstrate livestock judging reasons. Tricia explained that "reasons" are the second part of a judging competition where students defend their placement of animals in a certain order. The current NOC livestock judging team is comprised of six sophomores and 12 freshmen. Tim hopes to recruit 12 incoming freshmen and have a team of about 30 students next year. He believes next year's team will have "three of the best in America."

Andrew Anderson, Breydon Coddling, and Paige Dupin provided an impressive demonstration of their livestock judging skills.

Bart Cardwell provided a Sheep Center report. 2018 is the 10th anniversary of the Sheep Center. He indicated he is thrilled we made it 10 years and is happy with where we are at. Bart currently has four students working at the Sheep Center. The students gain skills and experience while at the Sheep Center. Bart gave a brief review of what is going on currently. Tricia referred the committee members to the Year in Review report in their packet to see some of the Sheep Center's accomplishments over the past year.

Tricia presented the Ag Program Report on student enrollment that was in the meeting packet. She stressed that enrollment numbers won't be final until Friday, August 31. Tricia also explained that the Ag, Science, and Engineering division split this summer to create two separate divisions: Ag and Biological Sciences is one division and

Engineering, Physical Sciences, and Process Technology is a separate division. She referred the committee members to the program degree sheets.

Sheri Snyder, VP for Development and Community Relations reviewed the Ag Scholarship flyer in the committee packets. This flyer is beneficial when Ag recruits new students. Sheri also went over the Ag Scholarship Update handout in the packet and announced a new group contacted her today about an Ag scholarship for women. The Scholarship Update reviewed Ag scholarship amounts, recipients, and what hasn't been awarded yet. Tricia noted that some scholarships haven't been awarded because of the split between the Ag and Engineering divisions over the summer and not all of the financials have been worked out.

Scott Harmon gave an update on the hemp pilot project. We started the agreement too late in the summer to get any field work done for this fall. OSU is building a large teaching greenhouse and Scott has been in contact with them to see who their builder is. Dr. Evans offered to contact OSU's long-range facilities and find out information on the greenhouse.

Dr. Campbell provided information about a possible contact to be a producer with us. The contact has 800 seeds valued at \$1 per seed. Scott said he is looking forward to next growing season, but there are a lot of unknowns right now and a need for research.

Dr. Evans stated two major accomplishments--NOC finalized the contract with GRO and NOC is officially registered with the Department of Agriculture. NOC will be growing non-THC, industrial hemp only.

Scott believes there are great possibilities for work study and internship opportunities for students. If NOC can develop a teaching greenhouse, he would like to see plant propagation studies, hormone studies, etc. He indicated the greenhouse could be multifunction and grow mums for PLC to sell. Scott answered questions about what other states are growing industrial hemp.

Dr. Campbell ask the committee members what they are hearing about industrial hemp. Committee members replied that they did some online research after the special meeting in July and NOC won't have any problem finding farms to produce the product. Another said we need to be careful with our hemp partners. Francie Tolle provided information about the government's current insurance policies and the need for more research data as the policies continue to develop over the next few years. Francie recommended a person to contact at OSU for contract templates. One member commented that NOC is a pioneer in this new territory. Dr. Campbell and Scott discussed some of the demand issues.

Tricia Moore wrapped up the meeting by commenting that there have been a lot of changes in the last 10 years in the Ag department and she is excited about where we are going with new programs. The hemp project could link to potential student involvement with engineering students creating irrigation systems. Dr. Evans thank the members for their great support and the meeting was adjourned.