1. Dean Akridge called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

2. There were no requested changes to the distributed agenda. Frank J. Dooley introduced a motion to approve the agenda. Mark A. Diekman seconded the motion that was passed. A concern was expressed that the meeting notice and documents had not been received until just before the meeting time.

3. Program Updates

   A. Charles A. Hibberd, Associate Dean and Director of the Cooperative Extension Service, discussed the Extension Strategic Plan. He said that 10 initiatives are being proposed as new or refocused programs that will help to enhance the effectiveness of Purdue Extension. Specific initiatives are presented in Professor Hibberd’s slides in Appendix 1.

   Input into the strategic plan has been obtained from a number of sources including survey responses from 162 Extension field staff members and ten focus groups across the state. Strategic planning sessions have been held in each of Indiana’s 92 counties. Also, recommendations have been gathered from Purdue Agricultural Alumni and from campus-based Extension faculty and specialists.

   Information and recommendations that have been gathered will be summarized and provided to the Strategic Planning Committee prior to the group’s December 13 meeting at which it is expected that a final draft will be considered and forwarded to Dean Akridge for approval. If the plan is approved, it is expected that the implementation process will begin on 1-1-11. Dean Akridge asked about the feedback that has been received from various stakeholders. Professor Hibberd indicated that responses and recommendations have been quite positive.

   B. Karen I. Plaut, Associate Dean and Director of Agricultural Research Programs, talked about the development of College of Agriculture Strategic Themes related to the college’s 2009-14 Strategic Plan. The identified Strategic Themes build upon the strengths of individual investigators and also reflect the signature areas of the college’s academic departments.

   Professor Plaut commented on three major purposes of having Strategic Themes for the College of Agriculture. They are to (1) communicate focus of college activities to internal and external audiences; (2) guide resource allocation decisions in order to build world-class capabilities; and (3) facilitate multi-disciplinary discovery, learning, and engagement. The six Strategic Themes are as follows:

   - Build a Sustainable and Secure Food Production System.
   - Utilize Molecular approaches to expand the frontiers of Agriculture.
   - Develop a Sustainable Bioeconomy to feed and power the world.
   - Enhance Food and Health.
   - Strengthen Ecological and Environmental integrity in Agricultural Ecosystems.
   - Facilitate informed decision making to improve economic and social well-being.

   Professor Plaut emphasized that Strategic Themes would be used integrate research, extension, and teaching to accomplish the following:
• Develop human capital that results in an educated workforce that are leaders of the future.
• Deliver a local, state, national, and global impact.
• Enhance synergies across disciplines.
• Build partnerships across academia, private industry, government, and non-governmental organizations.

Before discussing multi-disciplinary approaches and trends regarding research grants success, Professor Plaut presented examples of faculty achievements pertaining to each of the six Strategic Themes. A copy of the slides used by Professor Plaut is included as Appendix 2 to these minutes.

C. On behalf of the “Can Less Be More” ad hoc committee that is focusing on undergraduate academic majors and concentrations, Frank J. Dooley, Committee Co-chairperson, provided an update that included the following:

• The committee had two meetings in the 2010 Fall Semester. Most of the consideration of academic majors and concentrations is now being handled by the Curriculum and Student Relations Committee (CSRC). Professor Dooley is meeting with the CSRC as proposed changes are being presented and considered.
  • Eight entry portals have been identified by the CSRC that may facilitate future communication of academic majors and concentrations to prospective students and to others. John G. Graveel, Interim Associate Dean and Director if Academic Programs, commented that the Department of Agricultural Communication Service is obtaining feedback from high school focus groups regarding the proposed portals.
  • Proposed changes to the portfolio of undergraduate academic majors and concentrations will be compiled by the CSRC into one document for consideration by the Agricultural Faculty at the 2011 April meeting. Preliminary indications of proposed changes are due from the departments to the chairperson of the CSRC by December 15.
  • Professor Dooley indicated that there are ongoing efforts to have faculty representatives participate in cross-departmental meetings to discuss recommended courses that would best serve students having production agriculture or agricultural business career objectives. However, there are no plans or attempts to consolidate current academic majors in each of these interest areas into one academic major.

4. Mark A. Tucker, Chairperson of the Curriculum and Student Relations Committee, presented a brief summary of proposed course and curricular changes that are included in the eight documents from academic departments. A copy of his presentation slides is included in Appendix 3 to these minutes.

Dean Akridge asked if anyone wished to remove any items from the consent agenda for additional consideration. Clint C.S. Chapple asked that the proposed new course, AGEC 17000 – Managing Academic Success be removed from the Department of Agricultural Economics document for further consideration. No additional items were removed from the consent agenda. Natalie J. Carroll moved to approve all remaining items on the consent agenda. Jo A. Banks seconded the motion and it was passed.

Professor Chapple said he supports efforts that assist students in becoming successful, but does not feel that credit should be granted and applied to graduation requirements for courses that focus on remediation. He said that the College of Agriculture has had a long-standing policy of not using remedial courses such as nearly all General Studies courses in satisfying academic requirements for degrees. He indicated that it would not be appropriate to deviate from this operational position by adopting the proposed AGEC 17000 course.

Frank J. Dooley indicated that the Department of Agricultural Economics representative to the Curriculum and Student Relations Committee could not attend the faculty meeting. Therefore, he said that AGEC 17000 is being proposed because it has been offered under a temporary number for credit and has been very successful in helping students on academic probation get back in good academic standing and graduate. He said that the one credit incentive has been necessary to get the students to register for the course and to participate. Professor Dooley indicated that a similar course that would be required of all Purdue students on academic probation is under consideration by the Educational Policy Committee of the University Senate. It is currently unclear whether the proposal will be adopted and implemented.

Robert W. Taylor has conducted the temporary course for Agricultural Economics students on probation and indicated that from a philosophical perspective he is opposed to granting credit for such courses, but it has been necessary to get students to participate, to help them understand how to get off probation, and to “turn them around” and succeed in graduating. He commented on techniques that he has used to help 149 of 150 students on probation...
improve their academic standing and subsequently graduate. He said the most important factor has been his efforts to show students that a professor cares about them and is not here to weed out the losers. The course has focused on extending a helping hand to students to change their attitudes and realize that they can be successful.

Mark A. Diekman asked if the course could be graded on a pass/not pass basis. Professor Taylor responded that it had not been offered in that manner. He said that a regular grade would provide more incentive to help students.

Colleen M. Brady noted that the course is proposed to be used as an elective in a plan of study and would not replace any required credits in the curriculum.

Clint C.S. Chapple again noted that the college does not allow the use of other remedial courses in plans of study either to fulfill requirements, or electives. It is unfair to allow students in one department to use a remedial course toward graduation requirements when those enrolled in other departments do not have equal access to such courses and cannot use them. Shawn S. Donkin requested clarification regarding whom could enroll in the proposed AGEC 17000. Frank J. Dooley responded that enrollment would be limited to Agricultural Economics students on academic probation.

Jonathan J. Neal commented that the Curriculum and Student Relations Committee discussed whether it is appropriate to grant credits for the proposed AGEC 17000 course. Some members did not feel that credits should be granted for teaching students how to learn, but the proposal was adopted by majority vote of the committee. Jo A. Banks indicated that she was in agreement with Clint C.S. Chapple that the course would be helpful, but academic credits should not be used in a plan of study.

George E. Van Scoyoc indicated that the proposed AGEC 17000 is a skills course and is like many course offerings such as student participation in judging contests that focus on skill development. Also, he said that many laboratory course offerings are offered for skill improvement rather than academic theory. He commented that the proposed course has been very successful as a temporary offering.

William E. Field said that some flexibility is needed in curricula to provide a path for students to be successful. One credit appears to be a small curricular cost when compared to the alternative of students being dropped and not graduating.

Mark A. Diekman suggested that it might be appropriate to table the proposal so that other departments could give additional consideration to such a course offering. Clint C.S. Chapple expressed the need for a level playing field among the eleven academic departments and indicated support of the suggestion offered by Professor Diekman.

Frank J. Dooley said that students tend to get in academic trouble in large gateway courses early in their college programs. He said the course that Professor Taylor has conducted on a temporary basis has shown that student attitudes and self confidence can be changed positively when it is clear that a professor cares about helping the student succeed.

Mark A. Diekman moved to table the proposal and reconsider it at the 2011 Spring Semester Agricultural Faculty meeting. The motion was seconded by Clint C.S. Chapple and passed by a majority vote.

Professor Diekman expressed concern that on several recent occasions the faculty approved standards that require students to have higher than minimum passing grades in pre-requisite courses to enroll in the next course. He asked whether there should be some consistency in the requisite grades that allow students to advance in the various plans of study offered by the college. The emerging differential standards seem to be contributing to the dumping of students from some departments to others within the college.

Natalie J. Carroll and Colleen M. Brady both commented on the background provided by students who had participated in 4-H programs before entering college. Dean Akridge indicated that other departments may want to give additional consideration to ways to help struggling students succeed. There will be additional consideration of this topic at the 2011 Spring Semester Agricultural Faculty meeting.

5. The following memorial resolutions were presented:

    Clint C.S. Chapple for Henry Weiner
A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of each of these emeritus members of the faculty. A copy of the resolutions is appended to these minutes. See Appendix 4.

6. Shawn S. Donkin provided an update of University Senate activities for the 2010 Fall Semester. He said the Senate had three regular meetings and one special meeting during this semester. Only four documents have been introduced and they were mostly focused on “housekeeping” matters. Details about the four documents are presented in Professor Donkin’s report in Appendix 5.

Professor Donkin commented on activities of several University Senate committees. The Educational Policy Committee has been giving consideration to the following:

- The possible establishment of a remedial one-credit course for students on academic probation.
- The university core curriculum.
- Review of grade point average requirements in the early years of the student’s enrollment.
- Grade point average requirements after readmission.
- Transfer credit.
- Advanced Placement transfer credit.
- Course syllabi policy.
- Student bereavement policy.

The Faculty Affairs Committee has focused upon:

- Review of draft policy on Conflicts of Commitments and Outside Activities.
- Review of Human Resources Background Check Policy.

The Student Affairs Committee has been conducting a review of the Student Bill of Rights.

The University Resources Policy Committee has been considering the following:

- Review of fiscal policies and aid in generating budget transparency and economy.
- Review of campus energy sufficiency, safety, and other Physical Facilities operations.
- Enhancing graduate education and research opportunities.
- Review of faculty committees.

In concluding his report, Professor Donkin encouraged faculty members to communicate their concerns and opinions regarding these items to the senate representative from their department, or to the chairs of the committees. Contact information is presented at the University Senate web site. Also, he suggested that members should volunteer to serve on University Committees and, if interested, they should contact Natalie J. Carroll who is Co-chairperson of the University Senate Nominating Committee.

7. Dean Akridge began his report by saying the vision and strategic plan of Purdue Agriculture is to have strength in all missions of a land-grant college of agriculture. He commented on the following:

- Students who are prepared to make a difference.
- Research with purpose that leads to discovery with impact.
- Engagement that transforms lives and livelihoods.

He reported on activities over the course of the Fall semester that supported the strategic plan. Under the area of national and international leadership in food, agricultural, life, and natural resource sciences, areas of activity included development of the six strategic themes discussed earlier in the meeting, the new mid-career hires of Mike Scharf and Jian-Kang Zhu, and international achievements in Afghanistan, the Purdue Improved Crop Storage program in Africa, and key roles in the Global Food Security Initiative.

With regard to academic programs, Dean Akridge stated that the 2,675 undergraduates enrolled this fall is the highest enrollment since 1982. Employment of graduates is strong in a relatively weak economy and student participation in leadership development and study abroad programs puts Purdue Agriculture in the lead among the
colleges on campus. The Pathway to Purdue program launched with Ivy Tech Community College is going well with more than 20 students currently enrolled and nearly 30 have already applied to begin in the 2011 Fall Semester.

Progress is being made in reviewing undergraduate curricula to determine the optimum portfolio of academic majors and concentrations. Changes in the Presidential Scholarship program will provide colleges and departments more opportunity and responsibility in selecting the recipients and overseeing the scholarship operations.

The national search for Director of Academic Programs has been moving forward. Four candidates will be interviewed on campus in mid to late January.

Dean Akridge noted that Dr. Karen Plaut became the new Associate Dean and Director of Agricultural Research Programs since the 2010 Spring Semester faculty meeting. He said that more than $60 million of sponsored research awards were generated in FY 2010 and $34 million have been awarded through October 31 for FY 2011. Dean Akridge expressed thanks to faculty members for their efforts in generating 474 proposals having a value of $292 million outstanding that are being considered currently by granting agencies and organizations. Other highlights of the research mission are as follows:

- Focus on industry partnerships.
- Supporting faculty and staff in a changing funding environment.
- Development of a Bioinformatics Core Facility.
- Upgraded facilities in Lilly Hall of Life Science, Whistler Hall of Agricultural Research, and in the Horticulture and Biochemistry buildings.
- Dawn Parks is joining the Agricultural Research Programs staff as Assistant Director of Sponsored Programs Development.

Dean Akridge said the Purdue Extension programs had 1.3 million direct contacts last year and more than 3.8 million visits to their websites to help citizens transform their lives and livelihoods. Development of a new strategic plan is in the final stages and implementation is anticipated early in 2011. Building the 2011 county extension budgets has been tight in the current economy and 20 counties experienced some reductions. Extension continues to move forward with the “Making a Difference Initiative” and with the TAGS/IBATS programs.

The Extension Council, the Agenda and Policy Committee, and a faculty/administrative committee led by B. Allen Talbert and John G. Graveel, have been working with Dean Akridge regarding appropriate faculty guides for the promotion and tenure process. Also, there has been a good response from the faculty on how to enhance the faculty mentoring program.

Dean Akridge announced that Dr. Joe Anderson became Head of the Department of Agronomy on October 1 and Dr. Alan Matthew will become Head of the Department of Animal Sciences on March 1, 2011.

Some $15 million were raised by Agricultural Development in FY 2010 against a $10 million goal and good progress is being made in FY 2011.

Ten faculty searches are in progress, and some management processes including dashboard, calendar, and budget information are being reviewed and enhanced. Also, significant efforts are being made to seek funding for a new Animal Sciences Building in the Life Sciences Quad of the University Master Plan for buildings.

Regarding budget matters, Dean Akridge stated that plans are being made for a seven percent reduction for the next biennium and several groups have been working together to consider the impacts of retirements and other reductions on core programs and how to optimize future activities. There is much activity that is focused on enhancing revenue including grants success, corporate partners, fees for some services, and development priorities.

Dean Akridge offered to answer questions. No questions were presented. Appendix 6 to these minutes includes a copy of Dean Akridge’s presentation slides.

8. Natalie J. Carroll moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jo A. Banks and was passed with the meeting concluding at 4:57 PM.
9. The 2011 Spring Semester Agricultural Faculty meeting is scheduled at 3:30 PM on Wednesday, April 13 in the Deans of Agriculture Auditorium in Pfendler Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan D. Goecker
Secretary, Agricultural Faculty
Strategic Plan (working draft)

Purdue Extension

2011 - 2015

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Initiatives
Section 1: New or refocused Extension programming
1. Provide producers and consumers a more complete, science-based understanding of our food systems.
2. Improve the efficiency, diversity, and sustainability of food production by evaluating and demonstrating new technologies.
3. Prepare at-risk children to succeed in kindergarten and beyond
4. Reduce human obesity across Indiana through community-based programs.
5. Help regions, communities, and neighborhoods plan for a sustainable future.
6. Build Indiana’s capacity to protect its environment and natural resources.
7. Develop and support leaders throughout Indiana.
8. Improve Indiana’s ability to compete globally.

Section 2: Enhancing our effectiveness
9. Use new and existing communication technologies to reach more people with timely, research-based information.
10. Enhance our effectiveness by focusing Purdue Extension professional expertise.
Stakeholder Input

- Extension personnel (Qualtrics)
  - 162 responses
- Sessions being held in all 92 counties
  - 254 on-line responses
- Ten focus groups across the state
- Purdue Ag Alumni
- Extension faculty and Specialists
  - Entomology, Youth Development & Ag Education, Horticulture & Landscape Architecture, Agronomy, Animal Sciences, Forestry & Natural Resources
  - Ag Economics, Ag Information Technology, Botany & Plant Pathology, Food Science, Ag Communications, Agriculture & Biological Engineering
Next steps

- Summarize all input and share with the Strategic Planning Committee
- Committee meets on December 13 to finalize
- Final draft submitted to the Dean for approval
- Start planning the implementation process on 1/1/11
Leadership in the Food, Agricultural, Life, and Natural Resource Sciences

Karen Plaut, PhD
Associate Dean, Director of Agricultural Research Programs

World Food Prize  Spirit of the Land Grant  Ag Research Award  McCoy Award
Development of Strategic Themes

Individual Investigator

Department Signature Areas

College Strategic Themes

Strengthens
Purpose of Strategic Themes for the College of Agriculture

- Communicate focus of college activities to internal and external audiences
- Guide resource allocation decisions in order to build world-class capabilities
- Facilitate multi-disciplinary discovery, learning, and engagement
  - Within college
  - Across campus
  - With external partners
Strategic Themes for the College

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Using Our Strategic Themes

Purdue students in Romania

http://www.ag.purdue.edu/afghanistan
Build a Sustainable and Secure Food Production System

Cary Mitchell in Horticulture will use his USDA grant to improve LED lighting for greenhouses. Energy from lights accounts for about 30% of greenhouse costs.

(Purdue Agricultural Communication photo/Tom Campbell)
Develop a Sustainable Bioeconomy to feed and power the world

Nick Carpita in Botany and Plant Pathology is investigating ways to alter cell walls in plants to make more efficient biofuel crops

(Purdue Agricultural Communication photo/Tom Campbell)
Enhance Food and Health

Food scientist Lisa Mauer discovered that humidity can chemically change health supplements, such as vitamin C, and eliminate the benefits associated with the products.

(Purdue Agricultural Communication photo/ Tom Campbell)
Utilize Molecular approaches to Expand the Frontiers of Agriculture

Jianxin Ma’s students in Agronomy compares the genome of ancient and modern soybeans. His lab group is gathering seeds and plant material from the ancient soy plants to compare the “genetic fingerprint” of the plants.
Strengthen Ecological and Environmental Integrity in Agricultural Ecosystems

At the water quality field station, effect of different treatments on water quality is measured.

*Sylvie Brouder* (Agronomy) works with a group of stakeholders at the Water Quality Field Station.
Facilitate informed decision making to improve economic and social well-being

Nicole Olynk studies consumer willingness-to-pay and producer willingness-to-change production practices for livestock
Multi-disciplinary Approach to Grant Success

- Grants are getting larger
- Need multi-institutional cooperation
- Need strong engagement and outreach
- Need industry partnerships for practical and economic evaluation
  - Demonstration
  - Feedback and testing
  - Matching funds
Curriculum and Student Relations Committee
College of Agriculture, 2010-11

Tameshia Ballard, FS
Freddie Barnard, AGEC
Paul Brown, FNR
Ryan Cabot, ANSC
Dan Ess, ABE
John Graveel, OAP
Jon Neal, ENTM
Paul Schwab, NRES

Jody Banks, BTNY
Cale Bigelow, AGRY
Steve Broyles, BCHM
Samantha Downey, Undergrad
Allan Goecker, OAP
Matt Jenks, HLA
Pattie Quackenbush, Grad
Mark Tucker, YDAE

Frank Dooley, Can Less Be More (ex-officio)
Department Documents

I. ABE
Course addition; course changes (3); and curriculum changes (ASM, BFPE)

II. AGEC
Various course deletions (9), additions (3), and changes (4)

III. AGRY
One course change; various curriculum changes

IV. BCHM
Various course and curriculum changes
Department Documents

V. BTNY
   Two course changes

VI. ENTM
   Delete Urban and Industrial Pest Management major; various course deletions (13), a course addition, and course changes (4)

VII. FNR
   Raise (C-) pre-req grade requirements for Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences courses and FNR capstone

VIII. NRES
   Various curriculum changes
Memorial Resolution

For

Henry Weiner

Professor of Biochemistry

May 18, 1937 – October 28, 2010


Born May 18, 1937, in Cleveland, Ohio, he was the son of the late Philip and Hilda Dapeer Weiner. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio, Texas, earned a degree in chemical engineering from Case Institute of Technology in 1959 and a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Purdue University in 1963. He did post doctoral work with Daniel Koshland at Brookhaven National Laboratory, Brookhaven, N.Y., and Hugo Theorell at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden.

In 1966, he joined the faculty of the Purdue University biochemistry department as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 1969 and to full professor in 1976. He received numerous awards from the National Institutes of Health for his scientific research, including a Career Development Award in 1978, Senior Scientist Awards in 1983 and 1988, and a MERIT Award in 1989.

In 2006 he was recognized for being in the top 5 percent of NIH grant award winners during the previous 25 years. From Purdue, he received the Seed for Success Award in recognition of receiving research grants of $1 million or more. He was recognized as the Outstanding Graduate Educator in the School of Agriculture in 2008 and in 2009 he received the Provost’s Award for Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor in the University.

He was the founder and organizer of the international scientific meeting Enzymology and Molecular Biology of Carbonyl Metabolism, held biennially since 1982. After each meeting, he edited a book or special edition of a journal in which the manuscripts from the meetings were published. He is the author of more than 200 journal articles, and he was the author of a chapter in a biochemistry textbook for medical students.

He was a member of the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, The Protein Society, The Research Society of Alcoholism and The International Society of Biomedical Research on Alcoholism. He was an active member of Temple Israel, serving on the board of directors for many years and as president for four years. He also served on the Midwest Board of the Union of Reform Judaism. He
enjoyed baking and teaching others to bake breads. He was an avid woodturner and a member of
American Association of Woodturners and Central Indiana Chapter of American Association of
Woodturners.

On June 11, 1960, he married Esther Blankfeld in Cleveland with whom he celebrated their 50th wedding
anniversary this past summer. Surviving are his wife, children, Suzanna Stoebick (husband: Rob) and Alex
Weiner (wife: Dori Rubin), and brother Alan (wife: Phyllis). Also surviving are three grandchildren.

From the time he was diagnosed with prostate cancer in January, 1993 until a relatively short time ago
he lived well and productively. Hank received the standard therapies for the disease and also
participated in many clinical trials designed with the goal of developing more effective treatments for
prostate cancer.

Dr. Henry Weiner was an outstanding member of the Department of Biochemistry for 44 years. He will
be sorely missed.
Memorial Resolution

for

Rolland "Ron" Z. Wheaton

Professor Emeritus of Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Nov. 27, 1922 - Jun. 7, 2010

Rolland "Ron" Z. Wheaton, 87, a retired ABE faculty member died June 7, 2010 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. His home had been in Houghton Lake, Michigan for the past three years. Ron was born in Petoskey, Michigan, the son of the late Warner A. and Lucy Bacon Wheaton.

Ron served in the Army during World War II, received bachelor's and master's degrees from Michigan State University and earned a doctorate in agricultural engineering from the University of California-Davis.

Dr. Wheaton's professional work took him to Michigan State University, Texas Tech University and to Purdue University, where he spent the last 20 years of his career. He took sabbatical leaves at Virginia Tech and the University of Florida and completed an assignment at Universidade Federal de Viçosa in Brazil.

Ron devoted many years to research and continuing education related to agriculture, water drainage, irrigation, and soil and erosion control. He served as a member of over 30 state and national task forces, councils and committees related to water resource management. He was appointed by the Governor of Indiana to serve on the Legislative Water Study Committee for the purpose of improving drainage, the Water and Mineral Resources Advisory Council and the ECOP Groundwater Task Force. Ron’s counsel was often sought by the Division of Water and Soil Conservation Group in the Indiana Department of Natural Resources as well as the Indiana Drainage Contractors Association. He actively provided leadership that expanded the programs of the Hoosier Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society and the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Throughout his career, he co-authored a number of publications, including the Indiana Drainage Guide, a critically important publication for farmers in Indiana, which has one of the highest percentage of subsurface drainage in the U.S. Ron was instrumental in establishing a strong state
association of drainage contractors in Indiana with the aim of providing support and continuing education to improve land drainage practices.

Ron received several scholastic honors and awards, including a Top Ten Teacher Award at Michigan State University and the prestigious “G.B. Gunlogson Countryside Engineering Award” from his national Professional Society, the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, in 1990. The Gunlogson award honors “Outstanding engineering contributing to the healthy climate of the American countryside and to a viable economy for its small towns.”

Ron’s appointment was primarily extension, but he was instrumental in obtaining and guiding a major water quality project in Northeast Indiana in the Black Creek watershed. This five million dollar effort involved several departments at Purdue as well as state and local water resource agencies. The project was a joint USEPA-USDA funded effort to study the effects of agricultural land use and management on water quality in the Great Lakes (particularly Lake Erie), and included a study of the acceptance of those practices by local farmers. The project was a trailblazer in helping to understand the relationships between agriculture and the environment in order to reduce non-point source pollution.

His wife of 59 years, Lorna, whom he married in 1946, preceded him in death. Surviving are two children, Keith B. Wheaton of Howell, Mich., and Holly L. McAtee of Vincent, Ohio. Also surviving are 6 grandchildren, Jenna, Kelli, and Cailyn Wheaton and Justin, Derek and Lauren McAtee. He was preceded in death by an infant brother, Lloyd; and a brother, Alton. Ron was a devoted father and grandfather.

Don Jones, retired, Purdue

Larry Huggins, retired, Purdue

Charles McKee, retired, Purdue

David Beasley, Dean, Arkansas State University
Good afternoon, Dean Akridge and members of the faculty of the College of Agriculture. This report is for the activities of the Purdue University Faculty Senate for the fall semester of the 2010/2011 academic year. The Senate has held three regular meetings and one special session during this period.

A listing of the senators from the College of Agriculture can be found at http://www.purdue.edu/faculty/umembers.cfm

College of Agriculture Senators 2010/2011

Natalie J. Carroll, Youth Development & Ag. Educ.
Carlos M. Corvalan, Food Science
Lawrence P. DeBoer Jr., Agricultural Economics
Shawn S. Donkin, Animal Sciences
Frank J. Dooley, Agricultural Economics
Joan R. Fulton, Agricultural Economics
Matthew D. Ginzel, Entomology
Peter M. Hirst, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture
Martin R. Okos, Agricultural & Biological Engineering
Kathryn S. Orvis, YDAE
Phillip E. Pope, Forestry And Natural Resources
A. Paul Schwab, Agronomy
Marisol S. Sepulveda, Forestry And Natural Resources
H. Lee Weith, Biochemistry


This document was brought to the senate by the University Senate Nominating Committee. The following faculty members were proposed for 3 year terms of service to the following committees: A) Faculty Affairs Committee: Peter M. Hirst, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture; Bert Useem, Sociology; Janusz Duzinkiewicz, History. B) Student Affairs Committee: Lynn A. Bryan, Curriculum & Instruction. C) University Resources Policy Committee: Jeffrey L Brewer, Computer & Information Technology; Wei K. Cui, Physics.

The document passed unanimously after suspension of the senate rules.

In all cases in which the University proposes to terminate for cause the appointment of a faculty member who has previously acquired tenure, or to terminate for cause the appointment of a non-tenured faculty member prior to the expiration of the term of his appointment. In all such cases the faculty member shall be entitled to a hearing before a committee of the faculty. On the West Lafayette Campus the committee of the faculty shall be the Faculty Committee on Censure and Dismissal Proceedings.

University Senate Document 10-2 was presented on 13 September 2010 by University Senate Nominating Committee. The document proposed for the two regular vacancies to the committee Professors: Mary Nakhleh (3) Chemistry and Michele Summers (3) Kokomo Statewide Technology.

For the nine alternate vacancies for 3 year terms, the following Professors were proposed;

Kirk D. Alter, Building Construction Management Technology
S. Bala Balachander, Management
Joseph Dorsey, History/African Am Studies
Jeffrey Gilger, Educational Studies
Kai Ming Li , Mechanical Engineering
Mark Russell, Animal Science
Jean Stiles , Veterinary Clinical Sciences
Erdmute W. White , Foreign Languages & Literature
G. Thomas Wilson, Pharmacy Practice

The document passed unanimously after suspension of the senate rules.


Change in Membership of Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee Brought for action before the senate by the Faculty Affairs Committee

The document proposed a change in the composition of Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee to account for the addition of a voting member of the Purdue University Senate from IPFW to account for the representation of APSAC (Administrative and Professional Advisory Committee ) and CSSAC (Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee ) on the Faculty Compensation And Benefits Committee. A change was requested in the current membership requirements to grant voting privileges to the new member from the regional campus, and recognition of the liaisons from APSAC and CSSAC.

The proposal was for change from committee composition of eight members: five faculty members that constitute the voting membership, one liaison member to represent the Faculty Affairs Committee of the Senate, one member to represent faculty retirees, and one liaison member to represent the Staff Benefits Office.
Eleven members: six faculty members will constitute the voting membership with **one member to represent the regional campuses**, one liaison member to represent the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC), one liaison member to represent faculty retirees **one APSAC liaison, one CSSAC liaison**, and one liaison member to represent the Staff Benefits Office.

The document passed unanimously after suspension of the senate rules.

**Item 4.** University Senate Document 10-4, was brought forth by University Senate Steering Committee November 15, 2010.

Based on the University code and Bylaws of the University Senate the number of members from each unit (College) is determined using the following formula: the number of voting faculty in each unit divided by 22.2. The number of senators in the College of Ag in 2010-2011 is 14 (based on 300 voting faculty) and will be 13 in 2011-2012 (based on 296 voting faculty). There are 102 senators across all colleges within the university.

The document passed unanimously after suspension of the senate rules.

**Several items have been brought to the Senate floor for information.**

Report from the Retirement Options Task Force was presented on 13 September 2010 by Professor Mikhail J. Atallah & Senior Vice President for Business Services & Assistant Treasurer, James S. Almond.

Vice President Luis Lewin and Director of Human Resources John Beelke provided information on the 2011 Purdue Medical Benefits Program at a special session of the University senate held 7 October 2010.

Information on Administrative Conflict of Financial Interest Policy Vice President Alysa Rollock on 25 October 2010.

Sustaining New Synergies Fiscal Plan was presented on 15 November 2010 by executive vice president Al Diaz and Dir. of Physical & Capital Planning Ken Sandel.

**Senate committees have been working to on several issues including:**

**EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE** (Frank J. Dooley from Ag Econ is a member)

- Remedial 1-credit course for students on probation
- Core Curriculum
- Review of GPA requirements in early years
• GPA requirements after readmission
• Transfer credit
• Advanced Placement Transfer Credit
• Policy on course syllabi
• Student Bereavement Policy

FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Peter M. Hirst from Horticulture And Landscape Architecture is a member)

• Review of Conflicts of Commitments and Outside Activities Policy Draft
• Review of Background Check Policy From Human Resources

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

• Review of the Student Bill of Rights

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE (Lawrence P. DeBoer Jr., Agricultural Economics; Shawn S. Donkin, Animal Sciences; Martin R. Okos, Agricultural & Biological Engineering; Phillip E. Pope, Forestry And Natural Resources; A. Paul Schwab, Agronomy; Marisol S. Sepulveda, Forestry And Natural Resources are members of this committee)

• Review fiscal policies and aid in generating budget transparency and economy
• Review of campus energy sufficiency, safety, and other Physical Facilities operations
• Enhancing graduate education and research opportunities
• Review of faculty committees

The faculty is encouraged to channel opinions, views, and concerns in regard to these issues through their senate representative or directly to the chairs of these committees. Email contact information is listed on the Purdue University Faculty Senate Website.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn S. Donkin
Purdue Agriculture 2009-2014
People, Purpose, Impact

College of Agriculture Fall Faculty Meeting
November 30, 2010
Our Vision: Purdue Agriculture will make the world better through:

– Students who are prepared to make a difference
– Research with purpose leading to discovery with impact
– Engagement that transforms lives and livelihoods
Leadership in the Food, Agricultural, Life, and Natural Resource Sciences

• Strategic Themes
• New Mid-Career Hires:
  • Mike Scharf and Jian-Kang Zhu
  • Organizing to Lead

• International:
  • Afghanistan
  • PICS (Purdue Improved Crop Storage)
  • Global Food Security Initiative
Students Prepared to Make a Difference

• 2675 undergraduates, highest since 1982
• 600+ graduate students
• 85% placement: October 1, 2010
• 200+ students, 75 faculty/staff coaches
  Leadership Development Certificate
• 26.4% 2010 graduates studied abroad
• Ivy Tech Pathway Program

• Is Less More
• Changes in Admissions and Presidential Scholarships
• Associate Dean and Director of Office of Academic Programs Search
Research with Purpose Leading to Discovery with Impact

- New Associate Dean and Director: Dr. Karen Plaut
- $60m+ in sponsored program awards in fiscal 2010
- $34m awards thru October 2010, 474 proposals, $292m outstanding

- Focus on industry partnerships
- Supporting faculty/staff in a changing funding environment
- Bioinformatics Core Facility
- Facilities work in Lilly, WSLR, HORT, BCHM
Extension and Engagement that Transforms Lives and Livelihoods

• 2011 county budgets tight, 20 with reductions
• Extension had 1.3m direct contacts last year
• 3.8m visitors to Purdue Extension web-sites
• Making a Difference Initiative
• TAGS/IBATS
• New strategic plan
Our College: Who We Are and How We Work

- ADVANCE Involvement
- HASA Program
- Mentoring Program Review
- Promotion and Tenure Guidance
Other Updates

• New Agronomy Head: Dr. Joe Anderson
• New Animal Sciences Head: Dr. Alan Matthew (March 1, 2011)
• FY 2010 development: $15m
• 10 faculty searches in process
• Management processes: dashboard, calendar, budget info
Life Sciences
Quad Facilities
Site Options

1. Herrick Lab
2. Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences
3. Clinical/Medical Sciences
4. Drug Discovery
5. Animal Science
6. Parking Garage 1
7. Library / Classroom
8. Biology Replacement
9. Agriculture & Biological Engineering Addition
10. Cancer Research
11. Jischke Addition (Biomed)
12. Nursing
13. Hotel/Conference
14. Animal Holding
15. Entomology
16. Hort Green House Replacement (2)
17. Pharmacy Replacement
18. Health Science
19. Parking Garage 2
Budget Update

• PLAN for 7% reduction over next two years:
  – 5-7% Administrative Offices
  – Faculty Positions/Retirements
  – Department Head Task Force
  – IT Operations Committee
  – Departmental Reductions/Retirements

• Much activity to increase revenue: enhance grant success, corporate partners, communicating value to stakeholders, development, ...