



**MINUTES**  
**University of Kentucky**  
**College of Agriculture**  
**StaffLINKS Committee Meeting Held**  
**May 18, 2010**

***Attendance:***

**Chair Chuck Corby (Ag Econ)**  
**Co-Chair Leslie Queary (Forestry)**  
Lisa Collins (Dean's office)  
Mary Santana (Animal & Food Science)  
Kirk Ranta (Horticulture & Landscape  
Architecture)  
Judi Burgess (KTRDC)  
Mindy Thompson (Plant Pathology)  
Sara Carter (Plant & Soil Science)  
Jan Childers (School of HES)  
Diane Hunter (Regulatory Services)  
Matt Hash (Livestock Diagnostic Center)

***Absent:***

Kim King (Agricultural Administration)  
Kym Pope (County Extension Programs)  
Janet Lensing (Entomology)  
Aimee Nielson (Ag Communications)  
Amanda Hays (Management Operations)  
Debbie Mollett (Veterinary Science)

***Departments without Representatives:***

Community & Leadership Development  
Biosystems & Ag Engineering

***Minutes:***

Chair Chuck Corby called the meeting to order at 11:36 PM on Tuesday, May 18, 2010. There was a quorum so the meeting was officially called to order.

The chair welcomed new member Lisa Collins as a new advisory committee member.

Committee went around room with introduction,

First order of business was distribution of previous StaffLINKS Minutes from November 17, 2009. Representatives were asked to look over the minutes and report any corrections. No changes were given. Motion to Approve was made by Sarah Carter and seconded by Judi Burgess.

The meeting followed the provided agenda and three "old business" subjects were discussed. The first was a discussion of StaffLINKS Mission / Charge. The committee wanted to revisit the mission and expand its into new projects.

The Chair and Lisa Collins would like to invite Staff Senate Representatives to attend meetings. The second item was the website, it was announced that Brooke Stone had volunteered to manage the StaffLINKS website. The Chair asked that the committee look

over website and suggest any changes. Brooke is adding pictures of committee to the website. The Chair and Lisa Collins would like to link Staff Senate website with StaffLINKS website. The committee was agreeable to both suggestions. The last subject of "old business" was the tenure of representatives. StaffLINKS is a two year occupancy and Chuck Corby, Jan Childers and Matt Hash will have fulfilled their terms in August 2010. Sarah Carter volunteered to check with departments for representatives without StaffLINKS committee members. She agreed to send names to Chair and Lisa Collins who in turn will contact the potential committee members' supervisor.

Next was the discussion of "Ideas for StaffLINKS Projects" handed out to committee by the chair.

The committee discussed the possibility of hosting tours during Ag Appreciation Day, after lunch to both the South and North farms. It was decided that the tours would need to be at least 2 hours long and there was not enough time to schedule for AG Appreciation 2010. Ideas that were met with the most enthusiasm were the tours to visit other departments; host a tour of each building. There was a "Meet the College" day a couple of times each year to introduce people to parts of the college they may not be familiar which was met and discussed at length. The general idea as inviting someone from each building / department give a brief overview to familiarize employees with other departments. Gluck, Funkhouser, Scovall and Forestry Buildings were specifically named as tour objectives. Tours of the dairy, poultry and equine farms where also discussed. A south farm Twilight tour was suggested with a wine tasting. The committee was also considering a day at Quicksand. It was agreed that more investigating would be required but that these were all promising ideas.

Lisa Collins announced that College of Agriculture was now using Drupal.

The meeting dismissed at 1:08 pm.

Next meeting will be held August 24, 2010 at 12:00PM in the Weldon Suite.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Burgess, secretary.

the Staff Appreciation Event. The committee reported on the opinions expressed by their respective departments, it was reported that the majority consensus was the lunch prepared in '08 was preferable. The committee discussed ways to make the lines less congested and that having it in the ES Goodbarn was a success. There was mention that there were a few complaints about not having a craft fare or the share fare. It was decided to work on ways to potentially bring back share fare.

A suggestion was given to a committee member, asking that instead of a speaker that the Dean introduce the chairs from different departments and each of them give a report of their departments work for the past year. The StaffLINKS members all agreed after a short debate that this would be preferable over a speaker. The Chair stated it might be a little harder to organize, but he thought it would be well received. He would pass on this suggestion.

It was the opinion of the committee that the Staff awards went very smoothly. The Staff registration booth and door prizes were all well manned

It was reported that the tours were over very early and that more people are interested in having them around 10:00am.

The chair commented that felt we should make more people aware of the availability of vegetarian lunches.

The committee was asked to bring ideas for a speaker and wellness ideas to the February 16 SLS meeting.

The website is in need of updates, the Chair will check with Aimee Nielson in Ag Communications to see who will be making the changes in the future.

It was discussed with the committee that they would like the Wellness Seminars advertised to make more employees aware of them. Printing flyers and sending emails were mentioned as options along with getting Staff Senate involvement and posting on website.

Chuck stated that the StaffLINKS committee needs to have a clearer direction of their mission and goals. StaffLINKS committee needs ownership of a project, such as student or for example for helping students. The committee agreed that they would like to participate and some ideas were discussed.

In response to the Chairs request for feedback from members individual departments, the flowing issues were brought up:

Regarding the new smoking ban going in to effect, a lot of people were not happy to have to "tattle" on peers and unhappy with policy.

It was reported that COA needs more trashcans both in buildings and outside.

It was suggested that a walk be paved from the KTRDC building to the Plant Path building. It is felt that a paved walk would look nicer than the path that exists and gets muddy which people track into the buildings.

There was a report of theft in buildings (purses, laptops) and it was suggested that we figure out a better way to communicate the problem so that people do a better job of locking up personnel and company property.

The new USDA Building has people concerned about parking. They want to know if plans for more parking are being made.

The issue of raises for employees was raised to more than one committee member.

The Chair announced that the next meeting will be on May 18, 2010 at 11:30 in the ES Goodbarn and called for adjournment of the meeting at 12:59pm. The motion to adjourn was made by Sara Carter and seconded by Diane Hunter.

Respectfully submitted by Judi Burgess, secretary on July 26, 2010.

The schedule for StaffLINKS Meetings for the remainder of 2010:

May 18, 2010

August 17, 2010

November 16, 2010