

**CASNR Curriculum Committee Planning and Transition  
Meeting Minutes  
Friday, May 26, 2015  
10:00 am  
Country Inn & Suites, Board Room  
5353 North 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE**

<u>A</u>	Dennis Conley	Agricultural Economics	2013-2015
<u>P</u>	Fabio Mattos	Agricultural Economics	2015-2017
<u>P</u>	Dann Husmann	ALEC	2014-2016
<u>A</u>	L.J. McElravy	ALEC	2015-2017
<u>P</u>	Walt Schacht	Agronomy and Horticulture	2014-2016
<u>P</u>	Bryan Reiling, Chair	Animal Science	2013-2015
<u>P</u>	Kathleen Anderson via phone	Animal Science	2015-2017
<u>P</u>	Karin van Dijk	Biochemistry	2014-2016
<u>P</u>	Rick Stowell	Biological Systems Engineering	2015-2017
<u>P</u>	Steve Danielson	Entomology	2014-2016
<u>A</u>	Vicki Schlegel	Food Science and Technology	2014-2016
<u>P</u>	Ashley Hall, Vice-Chair	Forensic Science	2014-2016
<u>A</u>	Gary Yuen	Plant Pathology	2015-2017
<u>P</u>	Mark Burbach	School of Natural Resources	2015-2017
<u>P</u>	Bruce Brodersen	School of VMBS	2014-2016
<u>P</u>	John Markwell	CASNR Dean's Office	

Guests: Jenny Dauer, Tiffany Heng-Moss, Steve Waller

Chair Bryan Reiling called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

**I. Introductions** - Everyone introduced themselves.

**II. MINUTES from the Previous Meeting** - May 1, 2015  
Dann Husmann moved to approve and John Markwell seconded the motion.  
**Approved**

**III. NEW Business**

**A. AGRI 103 Update** - Jenny Dauer

Jenny provided a Power Point presentation showing how the course has been revised. The revised course was piloted in Fall 2014. They hope to propose this as a new course, SCIL 101 - Decision Making for a Changing World, in the future. (The update distributed is attached with the minutes.) Committee members asked how these changes were going to be publicized to faculty? Suggestions included: CASNR Faculty Advisory Council, meetings with faculty advisers, Academic Notes, etc.

**B. AGRI 271 Future** - Dann Husmann

Dann asked if we still need this course? This course was developed in the mid-80's. Keenan Amundsen taught it this past year. Keenan feels it is too basic for most students. There were 20 students per semester enrolled (not all were CASNR students). Some of the material is duplicated in the Employment Seminar course. The course is cancelled for this Fall. Perhaps the course needs a

prerequisite or a placement exam? It might also be possible to change it from a three-credit course to a one- or two-credit course. The group decided to get input from the faculty in their units. What are the basic skills students need to be successful? Dr. Husmann will send the syllabus. If we do continue the course, it needs revision.

- C. Faculty Leader Propoosal Agreement - Study Tour to Argentina - FYI**  
Dann Husmann has approved it and sent it on to Rebecca Luhrs Baskerville, Director of Education Abroad.
- D. CASNR Dean's Update - Steve Waller**  
There has not been a resolution on the online revenue model. Ronnie Green becomes Interim Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs on July 1, so perhaps a decision will be made shortly after that time.

The Life Sciences program has been an overwhelming success. We are now looking for sustainable funding of the program.

Freshmen enrollment looks level at this time. Numbers of transfer students are down but that might change over the summer. The move to a new online only admission application has slowed down the process as well. CASNR had 318 graduates in May.

New Student Enrollment (NSE) is in transition. Dann Husmann will be helping Tiffany Heng-Moss to take over his duties at NSE. Dann will become Director of the PGA Golf Management Program on July 1. Tiffany will have a 100% appointment in CASNR and Erin Blankenship will have a 25% appointment in CASNR on July 1.

Biochemistry Hall will be demolished soon to provide room for the new residence hall on East Campus. Food Science is still on track to move to Innovation Campus by July 1. The Activities Building will be open this summer, the new entrance is open and the sidewalk north of the Nebraska East Union is being repaired.

Please read Ronnie Green's message sent out today. IANR faculty have won many awards and have been recognized for all the work they do. Dr. Green has invested \$250,000 yearly for GTAs.

Interdisciplinary programs moving to CASNR are Environmental Studies, Forensic Science, and Integrated Science. CASNR Curriculum Committee is responsible for AGRI courses.

Many Unit Administrators ask how much they need to grow. "Growth should be consistent with opportunities for students." Students are our top priority.

The need for larger classrooms was discussed. There are discussions going on but nothing definite at this time.

Dean Waller thanked members for their service

**E. Sub-Waiver Reports - Dann Husmann**

Dann reported on the number of substitution-waiver requests CASNR has acted on. Individual reports were distributed to members present. He asked members to review and perhaps make changes in their programs to lessen the amount of substitution-waivers needed. The total report can be e-mailed to anyone wanting it. (He also thanked Carol for entering all the data and processing the forms.)

**F. Selection of Vice Chair -**

Following discussion, Rick Stowell volunteered to serve as Vice-Chair.

**Approved unanimously**

**G. Selection of UCC Representative -**

John Markwell reported that Tom Weissling has been reviewing the ACE courses as the CASNR representative since January and is willing to continue to serve on the ACE Committee and to serve as the University Curriculum Committee representative as well.

**H. Selection of Meeting Day and Time**

The committee has been meeting the first and third Fridays at 1:30. This will work for the members present. The secretary will check with those not present before sending the schedule out.

**I. Other**

**1. CASNR Core College Education Requirements -**

Bryan Reiling reported that his faculty were working on the Bulletin, and found that several ACE 1 and ACE 2 courses were not listed. They wondered if they could state any ACE 1 and any ACE 2 would work? Dann Husmann said all courses would not be suitable for CASNR. Following discussion, a subcommittee to review the CASNR Core was requested. Volunteers were: Bruce Brodersen, Mark Burbach and Karin van Dijk.

**2. FORS - Addition of prerequisites to FORS courses -**

Ashley Hall requested adding prerequisites to FORS 200, 300, 411, 400/L, 401/L, 302, 303, 404, 306, 407, 408, 445 and 485. These additions will be helpful to both the students and the instructors. Dann Husmann moved to approve and John Markwell seconded the motion.

**Approved**

**IV. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm.

Secretary,  
Carol J. Wusk

Issues in Agriculture and Natural Resource  
AGRI 103/NRES 103  
Update

1. Redesign of AGRI 103/NRES 103
  - a. Past approach: Primary focus on content
  - b. Current approach: Primary focus on decision-making and applying a framework for evaluating socio-scientific issues
  
2. Instructional Team
  - a. Jenny Dauer
  - b. Cory Forbes
  - c. Tom Powers
  - d. Dennis Ferraro
  - e. Learning Assistants
  
3. Science Literacy Research
  - a. Understand the role of science in students' decision-making about complex issues related to agriculture and natural resources.
  - b. Understand how to more effectively teach students how to evaluate information and to understand how scientific information can be helpful in decision-making.
  
4. Timeline for redesign
  - a. Pilot – Fall 2013 (T. Field) and 2014
  - b. Present findings from pilot to CASNR Curriculum Committee – May 26
  - c. Submit redesign proposal to CASNR Curriculum Committee – Fall 2015