

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date of Meeting: November 9, 2015

Meeting called to order by: Chair Paul Babcock called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Babcock, Borland, Hartz, Morse and Shultz

Agents Present: Eisenmann, Georgson, Grabow and Torbert.

Others Present: Ben Wehmeier, County Administrator; Jim Schroeder, County Board Chair; Blair Ward, Corporation Counsel

Certification of Open Meetings Law: The agenda has been duly posted and the door is open.

Approval of Agenda for Possible Rearrangement: None

Approval of October 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes:

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Borland that the minutes of the October 12, 2015 meeting be approved. Motion approved: 5-0.

Communications: None.

Public Comment: None

Item: Review of Chapter 59 regarding UW-Extension and the County Partnership

Corporation Counsel Blair Ward gave an overview of Chapter 59 on the UW-Extension and County partnership relating to performance reviews and committee involvement. Discussion occurred.

Item: Update, Discussion and Input on nEXT Generation Model

Grabow reported to the committee that the department really has no new information to report. Discussion occurred. The Committee Members, Board Chair and County Administrator presented many concerns, a few of which are generalized, including: direction from the State & UW System about the Extension's future is disappointing; the nEXT Generation is not well thought out; input from numerous entities (especially the County partner) is not being discussed

and implemented; discussion about the County involvement on the future of the program must take place, which at this time is not happening.

Item: Review of 2015 Department Budget

Georgson reported that as a 2015 departmental budget is on track. Will come in under budget due to open position.

Item: Review and Update on the Administrative Specialist Position

Georgson updated the committee on our open position. The agents met with Ben and have agreed to post the position as a limited-term, administrative assistant at a paygrade 2 or 3. This individual would have more receptionist duties.

Item: Review and Update on the 2016 Budget

Georgson stated that the 2016 budget goes before the County Board tomorrow night for approval. There have been no changes since our last meeting.

Item: Discussion of Monthly Agent Reports

All agent monthly reports were sent electronically to the committee prior to the meeting. Review and highlights from their written monthly reports were provided in the following order: Torbert, Georgson, Grabow and Eisenmann.

Upcoming Agenda Items and Meeting Dates: The next committee meeting will be held on December 14, 2015. The committee will continue to meet on the second Monday of each month in 2016. No agenda topics were presented for future meetings.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Borland, seconded by Hartz, to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m. Motion passes: 5-0

Secretary