

# UNIVERSITY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Date of Meeting:** April 13, 2015

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

**Members Present:** Babcock, Borland, Morse and Schultz; Hartz absent.

**Agents Present:** Eisenmann, Georgson, Grabow and Torbert.

**Also present:** Administrator Wehmeier; UWEX Regional Director Matt Hanson

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

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**Approval of Agenda for Possible Rearrangement:** None

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**Approval of March 9, 2015 Meeting Minutes:**

Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Borland that the minutes of the March 9, 2015 meeting be approved. Motion approved: 4-0.

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**Communications:** None.

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**Public Comment:** None

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**Item:** UW-Extension Regional Director Visit – Matt Hanson

Matt shared with the committee that Cooperative Extension is looking at a \$4 million dollar cut. This may mean 40-60 positions within administration/state/county. There are currently 40 vacancies as well as Ag State Specialist vacancies. Looking to transition into a plan. The Jefferson County Office is stable with no vacancies at this time. Discussion followed.

**Item:** Potential Committee Action on University Portion of State Budget

Motion by Morse, seconded by Schultz, for a resolution to be drafted by Administration and Rules Committee opposing cuts to UW-Extension. Resolution to further describe strong support for UW-Extension in Jefferson County; the UW Extension mission is valued in Jefferson County. Motion approved: 4-0.

Discussion occurred on annual performance reviews. The committee is concerned with the “terminology” used. The committee would prefer that they were called annual reports versus performance reviews. Decided that the faculty would work on a revised “Annual UEEC Report” approach in 2016 (for 2015).

**Item:** 2015 Budget Report

Georgson reported that the 2015 budget is on track.

**Item:** 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, Grabow, Eisenmann, Georgson. **Torbert:** 14 clubs attended a “Visioning Program; Fair is going to online enrollment; new Teen Camp is being offered; will be attending a National Conference on Volunteers.

**Grabow:** Discussed major publication on Community Placemaking in “The Municipality” magazine. Also, described new role with the Jefferson County Task Force on Organization and Operations.

**Eisenmann:** working with Community Action Coalition (CAC); change process over 1-2 years; doing annual assessment on Watertown Head Start Program (6-7 focus groups of staff/parents/school).

**Georgson:** Implements of Husbandry and individual farm conversations were considerable activities. MGVT training and Farm Technology Day planning were important efforts.

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**Upcoming Agenda Items and Meeting Dates:** Next committee meeting will be held on May 11, 2015.

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**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Schultz, seconded by Borland, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m.  
Motion passes: 4-0

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Secretary