

# North Central Joint Meeting Academic Program Section

July 10, 2000

## College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources University of Nebraska- Lincoln Update

### IANR Administration

- **Irv Omtvedt, retired July 1, 2000 and Edna McBreen**, Associate Vice Chancellor for IANR, was named the interim IANR Vice Chancellor and NU Vice President, effective July 1, 2000.
- **Donald Edwards** relinquished his responsibilities as Dean in the College, effective June 30, 2000. He will serve as Director of the NN-21 Initiative (0.50 FTE) until June 30, 2001. He will also serve as IANR Coordinator of Special Projects (0.50 FTE) from July 1 until December 30, 2000. **Steve Waller**, Associate Dean for Academic Programs, was named Interim Dean for the College. **Jack Schinstock** was promoted to Associate Dean for Student Affairs in the College.
- **Ken Bolen** retired as Dean and Director of Cooperative Extension and **Elbert Dickey** is serving as Interim Dean and Director.
- **Karen Craig** retired as Dean of the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences and **Rita Kean** is serving as Interim Dean.
- **Arlen Etling** is the new Director of International Programs, replacing Interim Director John Foster.
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### Departmental Administration

- **Jeffrey Royer** was named permanent Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics, effective July 1, 2000.
- **Ken Cassman**, professor and Head of Agronomy, was named the Head of the newly formed Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, effective July 1, 2000.
- **Anne Vidaver**, relinquished department head responsibilities of the Plant Pathology Department for a two-year assignment serving as chief scientist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program in Washington D.C.
- **James Steadman**, professor of Plant Pathology was named Acting Head of the Department of Plant Pathology.
- **Earl Russell** retired as Department Head of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication (ALEC), July 1. **Susan Fritz** associate professor of (ALEC) was named Interim Department Head.
- **Blaine Blad**, professor relinquished director responsibilities of the School of Natural Resource Sciences. **Edward T. Elliott** was named Director of the School of Natural Resource Sciences, effective June 1.
- **ZB Mayo**, professor and Interim Head was named permanent Head of the Department of Entomology.

### Facilities Update

- The majority of expenditures are occurring in maintenance and upgrade of multi-media and distance education classrooms.

### Enrollment Update

- The enrollment for the Fall 1999 was 1,149. 34.4% female and 64.7% male. The number of admitted students for the Fall 2000 is 400. The top five majors based on enrollment are: Agribusiness, Animal Science, Agronomy, Horticulture, and Veterinary Science.
- Enrollment for transfer students continues to increase. Seventy-nine students transferred into the College from other UNL colleges and 166 transferred from other two- and four-year institutions. The majority of our external transfers come from community colleges.

- Graduate student enrollment on the sixth day census (Fall 1999) and non-enrolled students actively pursuing graduate degrees was 558. CASNR graduate students increase 3.7% from Fall 1998 to Fall 1999. Forty-seven percent of all students are in Ph.D. programs. Thirty six percent of all graduate students are female, which is similar to 1998. Agronomy has the largest graduate student program (119).

## **Academic Program Updates**

### **Undergraduate Degree Programs**

#### **Bachelors of Science in Agricultural Sciences**

- Agricultural Journalism major (revised)
- Grazing Livestock Systems major

#### **Bachelors of Science in Natural Resources**

- Rangeland Ecosystems major [Range Science major revised and transferred to the School of Natural Resource Sciences (SNRS)]
- Environmental Soil Science major (Soils Science major revised and transferred to SNRS)

#### **Minors**

- Biochemistry
- Environmental Communications
- International Affairs-(deleted)
- International Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Veterinary Science

### **Graduate Degree Programs**

Master of Agriculture (campus-based or distance delivered) approved by the Board of Regents and has been forwarded to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

## **Scholarship Summary**

- The number of students receiving awards was 446 and the percentage of students receiving awards was 33%. The number of scholarships awarded was 578. The average value of each award was \$755.00; the maximum amount awarded was \$2,700.00. The total scholarships awarded by CASNR was \$437,084.00.

## **Extended Education Course Offerings**

- Five undergraduate and seven graduate courses will be offered in the fall, 2000.
- Two undergraduate courses and 13 graduate courses will be offered in the spring, 2001.

## **Nebraska Consortium for Agriculture and Natural Resources**

- The consortium is comprised of University of Nebraska campuses, state colleges and community colleges with agriculture and natural resources programs. Last year the consortium developed a joint recruitment activity that was very successful.

## **Ensuring Your Future**

- A new initiative was implemented to emphasize the importance of academics, involvement and experience in preparing 'society-ready' graduates.

## **Interest-Free Loans**

- Loans are available for qualifying students and can cover up to tuition and fees. This is a new program that responds to the current agricultural economy and is available to all students in the College.

## **Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS)**

- The College will implement the on-line degree audit this fall.

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