

North Central Joint Meeting Academic Program Section

July 16, 2001

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

IANR Administration

- **John Owens** was named the IANR Vice Chancellor and NU Vice President, effective January , 2001.
- **Edna McBreen** relinquished her responsibilities as IANR Associate Vice Chancellor on July 1, 2001. An Interim Associate Vice Chancellor will be appointed and a national search for the permanent position will be conducted in the future.
- **Marjorie Kostelnik is the new** Dean of the College of Human Resources and Family Sciences.
- **Elbert Dickey** is the new Dean and Director of Cooperative Extension Division.
- The Search Committee for the Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources has been appointed.

Departmental Administration

- **Walter Stroup** is the new Chair of the Department of Biometry effective July 1, 2001.
- **Julie Johnson** is the new Head of the department of Family and Consumer Sciences
- **Rita Kean** (Head, Department of Textiles Clothing and Design) is taking a temporary assignment as the Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, serving a 1 year term.
- **Carol Thayer** is the Interim Head, Department of Textiles Clothing and Design
- **Susan Fritz** has a 30year tern as head, department of Agricultural Leadership and Education.
- **Ruma Banerjee** is the Acting Head of the Department of Biochemistry.

Facilities Update

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

Enrollment Update

- The UNL enrollment increased 0.57% to 22,268 this fall. CASNR enrollment decreased 3.5% to 1408 [1388 at UNL and 20 at UNO (4:pre-agricultural sciences, 13: pre-horticulture, 3: pre-natural resources)].
- The UNL SCH increased 1.2% from 1999 (266,827) to 2000 (270,048). CASNR decreased 2.3% (16,872 and 16,491, respectively).
- UNO Enrollment and SCH's have increased in each the last three years (1998-1999:217 students and 661 SCH; 1999-2000: 231 students and 746 SCH; 2000-2001: 284 students and 922 SCH).
- Graduation (August 2000, May 2000, December 1999) was up 21% from the previous year to 348. This was the highest rate in the last decade.
- First-time student enrollment increased 11.9% to 310 in the Fall, 2000.
- Eighty-nine percent of the students who make a campus visit to our College enroll. This is the highest rate in the University, which averages 79%.

- The student population is 65.2% male and 34.8% female; 92.9% Caucasian, 3.1% unknown, 1.7% minority, and international 2.3%. Our international student undergraduate population is growing - from 21 (1.4%) in 1999 to 33 students in 2000.
- Twenty-three percent of first-time students are transfer. 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 over the past year. The majority of our external transfers come from community colleges.
- The top five majors based on enrollment are: Agribusiness (233), Animal Science (172), Veterinary Science (135), Horticulture (135), and Agronomy (120).
- Areas of growth include Food Science (+30.4%), Biochemistry (+18.4%) and Veterinary Science (+8.0%).
- Areas of decline include Agronomy (-17.2%), Diversified Agriculture (-14.3%) and Animal Science (-8.0%).
- Twenty-five students participated in study abroad through the CASNR Office last year (England, Costa Rica, Nepal, Brazil, Mexico, Chile and France).
- Graduate student enrollment on the sixth day census (Fall 1999; Fall 2000 is not available) 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 Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. We are investigating expanding this to an inter-institutional, inter-state program
Ph.D. in Natural Resource Sciences is pending approval by the Executive Graduate Committee.

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.

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 implemented the on-line degree audit last fall. Plans are underway to convert to DARWIN (Windows based DARS) by June 2002.

Class Acts

Agriculture and Natural Resources Week

NACTA Summer 2002

Academic Priority

Recruitment Scholarships

- FFA
- NAYI
- 4-H
- Faculty

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