

**State Board of Agricultural Research and Education  
Minutes (amended) - January 7, 2000  
Loftsgard Hall, NDSU Campus**

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met at 10:00 a.m., January 7 in Loftsgard Hall on the NDSU campus. Members present were: Tom Archbold, Sharon Anderson, Tim Bryan, Jerry Doan, Neal Fisher, Cole Gustafson, Jody Hauge, George Heller, Patricia Jensen, Burdell Johnson, Phil Mason (for Roger Johnson). President Joseph Chapman was present for the afternoon session.

Chairman Doan called the meeting to order. The minutes of the December 14-15 meeting were approved as distributed.

Patricia Jensen updated the board on progress of the animal research facility and indicated she has been working with the NDSU president's office and USDA to include some renovations to Robinson Hall in the project.

A proposal for a barley feeding initiative was presented to the board by Vern Anderson and Rich Horsley. Jim Broten, representing the North Dakota Barley Council, was present and made supporting statements on behalf of the Barley Council.

Sharon Anderson updated the group on issues facing extension in the current biennial budget. She indicated that four long-term employees will retire in the next months and there will be salary savings from those positions that will help balance the salary budget. Extension staff have also worked very hard during the past year to trim the operating budget.

Cole Gustafson distributed and discussed a summary of base program needs in the experiment station, which included salary, operating at \$6,600/SY, and funding for all 1995-99 initiatives.

Jerry Doan emphasized to the board the importance of understanding the base programs in order to respond to legislator's questions relating to individual programs. Time was spent discussing ways the board can better understand the programs and analyze the budgets of the experiment station and extension service. Doan suggested board members recommend ways that may help them to evaluate the programs and budgets of the noted units.

Patricia Jensen noted that there have been discussions with Dickinson State University regarding joint delivery of programs. SBARE members indicated they would like to invite the chancellor to a meeting to discuss this topic.

Gustafson introduced faculty and staff members who presented initiatives they would like supported. Initiatives include: Crop Production, Diversification and Protection; North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network Center; Irrigation; Milling Program; Food Science Program; Wheat

Quality; Bison Research and Education; Cooperative Canola Research; Langdon Learning Facility; and Beefline.

Sharon Anderson discussed an initiative (combining the three extension presented at the December 14-15 SBARE meeting) which emphasizes extension education. The initiative would allow for more flexibility in operating dollars in order to refocus work and staff to meet needs.

Patricia Berglund stated the Northern Crops Institute is hopeful they will be able to maintain current base funding and spoke in favor of the barley, milling and wheat quality initiatives.

Following the presentations, the board talked about how they should proceed with the process as President Chapman reminded the board they need to remain realistic in their funding requests.

Patricia Jensen suggested the department faculty and chairs find ways to show that the base budget is not static, that programs are always changing and people are continually redirecting to meet current research needs.

Jack Dahl, Gordon McClean, and Stan Melroe, members of the North Dakota Livestock Endowment Foundation talked with the group about their participation in the development of a long-range plan for beef cattle research in North Dakota. They stressed the importance of the beef cattle industry in the state and noted that they would like to work with SBARE to establish an agenda.

In planning for the next meeting, the departmental administrators were asked to submit examples of projects redirected or terminated in the last two to three bienniums. The board also requested a consolidated list of initiatives.

The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.

Recorded by Margaret Olson