

State Board of Agricultural Research and Education
Minutes - October 30, 2000
NDSU Alumni Center, Fargo, ND

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met at 8:30 a.m., October 30, 2000, in Fargo, at the NDSU Alumni Center in Fargo. Members present were: Sharon Anderson, Tom Archbold, Ryan Brooks, Tim Bryan, Joseph Chapman, Sylvia Daws, Jerry Doan, Neal Fisher, Cole Gustafson, Jody Hauge, Maynard Helgaas, George Heller, Patricia Jensen, Burdell Johnson, and Jeff Weispenning (for Roger Johnson).

Chair Doan called the meeting to order. He told the board that the OMB budget hearing, held in Bismarck October 3, went well and SBARE members should feel very good about their efforts in the budget preparation.

The minutes of the September 18, 2000, meeting were approved as distributed.

SBARE established subcommittees for programs and issues related to specific areas (as with the previously created livestock subcommittee).

Livestock subcommittee - Ryan Brooks, chair - Jerry Doan, Jody Hauge, Burdell Johnson, Sharon Anderson, Cole Gustafson, and Patricia Jensen.

Crops subcommittee - Tim Bryan, chair - Jerry Doan, George Heller, Neal Fisher, Sharon Anderson, Cole Gustafson, and Patricia Jensen.

Human capacity subcommittee - Tom Archbold, chair - Sylvia Daws, Jerry Doan, Maynard Helgaas, Sharon Anderson, Cole Gustafson, and Patricia Jensen.

Because of his expertise and interest in irrigation, Maynard Helgaas agreed to serve as a liaison for related issues.

Patricia Jensen stated the SBARE long-range planning committee (Sharon Anderson, Tim Bryan, Jerry Doan, Cole Gustafson, Patricia Jensen, and Burdell Johnson) and affected department chairs should be included in discussions with NDSU Vice President Dick Rayl regarding agricultural research replacement land.

Patricia Jensen noted the following:

- The NDSU Deans were supportive of a proposed name change for the College of Agriculture when discussed last week at their meeting. The name being discussed is NDSU College of Agriculture, Food Systems and Natural Resources.
- NDSU agriculture was awarded federal money for five ongoing projects at NDSU, as well as two new initiatives.

- A multi-state (North Dakota, Montana, South Dakota and Wyoming) meeting of ag administrators was held in Hettinger October 18-19 to discuss future collaboration.
- The Animal and Range Sciences chair search is ongoing with an application closing date of January 31, 2001.
- The search committee has been named for the Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences chair.

Joseph Chapman and Patricia Jensen distributed summaries of the key components of the "Report of the Roundtable – A North Dakota University System for the 21st Century." Chapman indicated the plan creates a more flexible University System, allowing better leverage of available dollars. Several SBARE members expressed concern with the plan since it pools funds and eliminates line item budgets. Members stressed the importance of monitoring progress of the plan and staying abreast of changes that could affect agricultural research programs.

Cole Gustafson noted the following:

- Dr. Won Koo, Agribusiness and Applied Economics Department, was recently awarded a federal grant of \$2.5 million dollars to establish a Center for Ag Policy and Trade Studies.
- A Livestock Colloquium is planned October 31 to discuss livestock research in North Dakota.
- NDSU agriculture is involved in an Irrigation Summit.
- A committee will review and work on updating the Hatch project proposal process and would like to include SBARE members in the review process.

Lori Capouch, Ag Research Fund administrator, addressed SBARE stating the required 25% matching grant dollars from the ND Barley Council have not been released because issues with the cooperative agreement have not been resolved. Board members suggested that commodity group leaders and NDSU administrators need to come to a resolution as soon as possible with an agreement that is fair and equitable for all commodity groups.

Following the discussion, Maynard Helgaas made a motion that Barley Council matching funds be carried as a receivable until April 1 so the issue can be resolved. Patricia Jensen seconded the motion, which passed with Ryan Brooks opposed.

Capouch distributed an updated list of Ag Research Fund granting committees, noting several changes. Following review of the proposed changes, Cole Gustafson moved to adopt the committee changes; Burdell Johnson seconded the motion, which passed.

Tim Bryan praised Capouch for her administration of the Ag Research Fund and especially noted her efforts in addressing issues related to the cooperative agreement and the ND Barley Council.

Sharon Anderson shared the following updates:

- The Burleigh County 4-H Building was dedicated recently.
- More than 550 people attended the North Central Regional Volunteer Leaders Forum, hosted by the NDSU Extension Service.

- The statewide district conferences went very well.
- Program Directions Committee update distributed - please review.
- NDSU Extension Service is involved in the state broad banding approach to technology.
- Distributed a list of grants and contracts awarded to extension staff in 2000.

Following a lunch break, SBARE members toured the Molecular Marker Lab and the Plant Sciences Learning Center in Loftsgard Hall.

The meeting reconvened at 2:15 p.m. and the board had open discussion addressing topics, which included the following:

- SBARE should address funding status for the NDAWN Center. Patricia Jensen suggested work on a federal earmark (possibly multi-state), with a possible request for bridge funds from the Office of the Vice President for Research.
- George Heller stated the need for SBARE to be proactive with legislators during the session. Ideas include:
 - send newly elected legislators congratulatory letters
 - gather grassroots support
 - host a commodity social with legislators
 - provide an ag briefing during legislative orientation
- Patricia Jensen suggested offering the new governor an "ag briefing."
- Doan asked for suggestions for a better way of involving research center advisory boards and multi county units with SBARE. Suggestions include:
 - Schedule SBARE meetings at research extension centers
 - Encourage SBARE members to attend scheduled meetings of advisory and multi county boards - master list of advisory board meetings and multi county unit meetings requested
 - Ask advisory boards and multi county boards to share information with SBARE
 - Send updates from SBARE to advisory groups and multi county units updating them on related issues

The meeting adjourned at 4:05.

Recorded by Margaret Olson