

State Board of Agricultural Research and Education
Minutes – November 15-16, 2012
Loftsgard Hall Room 380, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met at Loftsgard Hall Room 380, NDSU campus on November 15-16, 2012. Board members in attendance were Leland (Judge) Barth, Mike Beltz, Chris Boerboom, John Bollingberg, Tom Bodine, Ken Grafton, Rodney Howe, Paul Langseth, Doyle Lentz, Phillip Mueller, JoAnn Rodenbiker and Richard (Dick) Roland. Absent were Robert Bahm, Jerry Klein, and Keith Peltier.

Chairman Howe called the meeting to order at 1 p.m., made introductions, and asked for additions or corrections to the agenda. The September 14 minutes were unanimously approved.

Howe gave a brief history of SBARE. In 1995, it was passed that Ag funds would be separate from campus funds. In 1997, SBAR was organized. In 2007, the State Board of Higher Education (SBHE) reconsidered the separation of funding, however former legislator Gary Nelson addressed the SBHE on the continued need for separation, and the SBHE voted to continue with separation of budgets.

In June, 2012, five ND Ag Experiment Station and five Extension initiatives were submitted; however the SBARE budget request was reduced by approximately 3% by the System office.

In August, 2012, Chairman Howe and Dr. Ken Grafton met with Chancellor Shirvani and discussed this reduction in number of initiatives. Howe also raised the need for a cost-of-living request for western North Dakota for the Ag Experiment Station and the Extension Service. The Chancellor indicated that \$5 million had been set aside for living and salary. Another \$5 million had been added by the Chancellor for a total \$10 million request for personnel in western counties. As of this meeting date, there were no updates.

A copy of an email message from Scott Rising, ND Soybean Growers Association, to Jeff Enger, Ag Coalition, was distributed to the Board. The message indicated concerns that the needs of agriculture be heard by the systems office.

Discussion continued and it was agreed that the Board move forward and work together. Doyle Lentz made a motion that SBARE continue to communicate with SBHE with the understanding that SBARE recommendations be submitted to the state legislature in their entirety. The motion was seconded by John Bollingberg. All were in favor.

Dr. Grafton gave a presentation about NDSU Agriculture, consisting of the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources (CAFSNR); North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station (NDAES); and the NDSU Extension Service. He noted two important items this year; the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Act and the 125th anniversary of the Hatch Act.

Dr. Greg Lardy, Head of the Department of Animal Sciences, distributed packets of information about the Animal Sciences Dairy Research and Teaching Center, NDSU Beef Cattle Research Complex, NDSU Veterinary Technology, and muscle biology and meat science sheet.

Dr. Lardy conducted a presentation about the animal science, equine science and veterinary technology student and faculty numbers. He also presented data on student recruitment, student placement, student demographics, research, and extension.

Howe adjourned the meeting, and finished the rest of the day with the Animal Sciences tour. The group visited the Beef Cattle Complex and Animal Nutrition and Physiology Center. A social and dinner followed at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting resumed Friday November 16, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. Board members in attendance were Leland (Judge) Barth, Mike Beltz, Chris Boerboom, John Bollingberg, Tom Bodine, Dean Bresciani, Ken Grafton, Rodney Howe, Paul Langseth, Doyle Lentz, JoAnn Rodenbiker and Richard (Dick) Roland.

Mike Beltz made a motion, seconded by Paul Langseth, that SBARE thank the people who put in dedicated countless hours of time on Measure 5.

Howe revisited the subject of the cost of living in western N.D., with it being a two tier system. Paul Langseth made a motion, seconded by Chris Boerboom, to request the two tier system as part of the budgeting system.

Administrative reports were provided by President Bresciani, Ken Grafton, and Chris Boerboom.

President Bresciani commented that with the move to a cost-based budgeting process, NDSU will be much more equitably funded. Under this process, no one individual campus should be underfunded in the future. There are currently two-three campuses, NDSU being one of them, that are currently underfunded. All in all, President Bresciani stated it is a great time to be at NDSU and in North Dakota.

Howe referred to the Animal Sciences tours held the previous evening, noting that NDSU has great faculty and staff members that are willing to work with each other to collectively reach their outcome. The tours were greatly enjoyed by SBARE members.

Ken Grafton discussed the agreement between NDSU and Monsanto. This will include hard red spring wheat research. Monsanto will have access to NDSU facilities and researchers while NDSU would have access to Monsanto technology. On November 1, 2012 guest speaker Dr. Robert T. Fraley who is Monsanto's executive vice president and chief technology officer, talked to over 100 faculty and staff members of NDSU.

Dr. Grafton stated the need for continued enhancement of the plant breeding program for undergrad and graduate students. Monsanto encourages the importance of obtaining a master's degree, which will allow students to start taking graduate courses as an undergrad. Monsanto would like access to our top students because it is estimated that in less than 10 years, many plant breeders will be retired.

Dr. Grafton announced that the arrival time for Dr. Cole Gustafson's replacement, Dr. William Nganje – Chair of the NDSU Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics, is delayed until April, 2013. Dr. Grafton also noted that at the most recent University Address, President Bresciani announced Dr. Elias Elias as being a Distinguished Professor.

Chris Boerboom provided administrative updates. The search for the Assistant Director of ANR position closed on November 15, 2012. The Administrative South East Director position closed November 13, 2012. New hire, David Ripplinger, Agribusiness and Applied Economics, started November 1, 2012. The Fall Extension Conference was held at the Holiday Inn in early November. Phillip Mueller was awarded the Friend of Extension award.

Chris Boerboom discussed the Extension capital funding item (4-H Camp in Washburn). It will be a \$1.9 million project. Half of the money will come from the state and the other half will be raised by private giving. They have 2/3 commitments on the money as to date, which leaves 950,000 to raise. So far everything is going well and as planned. By legislation session they hope to have half of the money raised.

Fiscal status – The fiscal cliff was discussed. From an Extension standpoint, a 10% cut would be \$330,000 annually. Chris Boerboom added that he would like to thank the SBARE board in helping the western part of the state. Many individuals have been affected by oil impacts, and support is appreciated. To conclude the meeting, Rich Horsley gave a PowerPoint presentation. Horsley talked about plant breeding and genetics while Joel Ransom talked about agronomy, Frank Manthey talked about cereal science, Todd West - horticulture, Deying Li - sports and urban turf grass management, and Kirk Howatt - weed science. After the presentation, SBARE members received a tour of the plant science buildings. The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted by Alisha Nord and Janelle Quam