

# NOC Agriculture Advisory Board

## Meeting Minutes

### December 9, 2014

The Fall meeting of the Agricultural Advisory Board was held at the TS Fork Restaurant in Tonkawa, OK at 6:00 pm. Board members present were: Tricia Moore, Dr. Kurt Campbell, Bart Cardwell, Anita Simpson, Sheri Snyder, Keith James, Calvin Crumrine, Jeremy Johns, Dale Dewitt and Scott Blubaugh.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Invocation was given by Dr. Kurt Campbell and dinner was served.

Following dinner, Tricia Moore gave a report on departmental changes and program numbers. Changes within the Ag, Science and Engineering Division included the movement of Dr. Frankie Wood-Black to the Director of Process Technology from the position of FTE Physics and Chemistry Instructor and approval by the Board of Regents for an additional FTE Physical Science instructor on the Enid campus and a FTE Farm Manager/Livestock Judging Coach position for the Tonkawa campus (approved June 2014). Jared Givens has been hired for the Farm Manager/Livestock Judging Coach, the department is still seeking qualified applicants for the FTE Physical Science positions on the Tonkawa and Enid campuses. It was reported that the Ag group experienced much growth during the fall semester, with our largest Freshman class to date of approximately 30 incoming Freshmen. It is thought that the success of the Sheep Center and Livestock Judging Team are the primary contributors of this growth.

Bart Cardwell gave an update on the activities at the NOC Sheep Center. The sheep program continues to grow and is producing champions not only for NOC but for many individuals who have purchased sheep from our flock. Bart had on exhibit many of the awards the Center had won during the fall outings to the Tulsa State Fair and the NAILE. Bart also shared with the group that NOC was not awarded the grant that we were working on through the Department of Labor, but that we were going to continue to pursue the possibility of offering some certificate programs for Technical Ag Services with emphasis on spray rig operations and sheep AI/embryo transfer services.

Tricia Moore gave an update on the Livestock Judging Team. NOC now has a Full Time Farm Manager/Livestock Judging Coach (discussed above) who led the team to a very successful fall semester. The team competed at the Flint Hills Classic in El Dorado, KS, the Mid-America Contest in Wichita, KS, Tulsa State Fair, State Fair of Texas, Dallas, TX, the American Royal, Kansas City, MO, and the NAILE in Louisville, KY. They will be leaving December 27 for the Arizona National Contest to be held in Phoenix, AZ.

Dr. Kurt Campbell gave an update on the Ag Interscholastic Contest. The contest will be split this year with the Livestock Contest being held on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and the

main Interscholastic Contest to be held on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. This change was made so that we could run a more organized Livestock Judging Contest due to having more help available.

Sheri Snyder, VP for Alumni and Community Relations provided information about the current status of "Ag" dollars in the NOC Foundation and also gave an update on the scholarships that are available to the Ag students, including two new scholarships that were designated during the fall semester, one for a general Ag student and one for a Livestock Judging Team member.

Anita Simpson, VP for Financial Affairs, provided information about the percentage of the budget that was the Agriculture program makes up and how many dollars are allocated for the Sheep Center and Livestock Judging programs.

Closing remarks were given by Tricia Moore and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.