Welcome to Extension This Month! In an effort to keep the organization well informed, the Executive Team will be sending out a monthly electronic newsletter. Watch for us each month to hear updates and information happening throughout the organization.

FROM THE DESK OF THE VICE PROVOST AND DIRECTOR

PLANNING WITH UNCERTAINTY

Situation: The Joint Ways and Means Committee co-chairs released a 2009-2011 budget for the OSU Extension Service (approximately $7 million dollars [15 percent] less than the Essential Budget Level). While we do not yet know our budget for the upcoming biennium, because of additional uncertainties, the Provost asked that we begin planning for a budget reduction of 20 percent. This amount is approximately $9.4 million, or the equivalent of 31 full time equivalent faculty positions.

It is not our intent to close any county Extension offices. However, if we were forced to consider such action and gain the savings from associated faculty salaries, it would require closing of the smallest 17 (nearly half) of Oregon County Extension offices.

Planned Approach
In order to obtain the widest perspective on options to manage budget reductions, conversations led by Extension regional directors are underway in our 8 clusters of counties. Each cluster conversation is exploring these questions:

- Funding options for fixed term appointments
- Assessing tools for managing tenured positions
- Other ideas for managing budget reductions

As you may recall, earlier this year an ad hoc budget work group recommended that with reductions exceeding 10 percent, significant transformation of organizational structure and leadership must be considered. Accordingly, exploration is occurring within three areas. Each conversation is led by an Extension executive and with input from the Extension Cabinet, and will refine planning assumptions and options for transformative change.

1. Shifting the Extension field organization to a multi-county, or regional model, with selected counties serving as hubs providing educational support to surrounding counties. This approach would reduce duplication and add efficiency to deployment of faculty resources.

2. Program integration that streamlines and reduces the number of independent, discipline-based programs. Consideration will be given to how Extension best aligns with OSU’s signature areas emphasizing healthy planet, healthy people and healthy economies. This is a shift from college-based program areas.
3. Market assessment and implementation of fee-based and online educational programs that allow more “virtual” Extension programs while generating a new revenue stream.

Your suggestions around any of these planning questions are welcome. I’ll be checking my new budget blog where you can read others’ reactions and post your own thoughts: http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/osuextbudget/

While the timeline for actual decisions is not clear, we do see some promising signs of support for higher education budgets through the Oregon Higher Education Caucus. The Caucus has recommended restoration of $5 million dollars for all three Statewide Public Services. Your help in communicating Extension’s contributions continues to be critical.

Scott Reed
Vice Provost, University Outreach & Engagement
Director, OSU Extension Service

EXTENSION NEWS UPDATES

We’ve Moved
In order to accommodate the new Business Center moving into the 1st floor of Ballard Hall, Extension Administration and 4-H Youth Development have consolidated and moved offices. Here’s a rundown of where Extension Admin & 4H are now housed effective June 8th.

101 Ballard
Scott Reed - 101A
Janet Drollinger – 101B
Vicki Campbell - 101
Molly Engle – 101C

102 Ballard
Debbie Maddy – 102A
Marcia Dickson – 102B
Keith Diem – 102C
Sue Bowman – 102
Kim Tarrant – 102

104 Ballard
Conference Room

103
Roger Rennekamp
Pati Craven

105
Mary Arnold
Beverly Hobbs
Marilyn Lesmeister
Mario Magana
Elaine Schrumpf
Vicki Avery
Mona Easley
Roberta Lundeberg
Sara Miller
Helen Pease
Lillian Larwood
Sandy Rievley
Sherri Sarver

119 Ballard
4-H Youth Foundation
   Alberta Johnston
   Laura Campbell

121 Ballard
Lyla Houglum

124 Ballard
Visiting Faculty Office and Conference Room

305 Strand Ag
Ag in the Classroom
   Tami Kerr
   Darcy Kirk
   Adriene Koett-Crrom

PROGRAM NEWS UPDATES
The Faculty Senate unanimously approved a name change or the academic department in the College of Education from the Department of 4-H Youth Development Education to the Department of Youth Development Education. This name change more correctly communicates our field of expertise and positions us to become a statewide leader in the professional development of youth workers. The name of the Extension program area called 4-H Youth Development remains unchanged

MARKETING
2010 Pocket Calendars now available
The 2010 Pocket Calendars are now available. Order early as supplies are limited. The black leatherette pocket calendars with orange lettering are a great way to say thanks for your many volunteers and clientele. Cost is $2.00 each  Contact Kim Tarrant, kim.tarrant@oregonstate.edu for more details.

THIS ‘N THAT
DATES TO REMEMBER
2009
June 30  Centennial Celebration - Hermiston Ag Research & Extension Ctr
August 5-8 Master Gardener Mini-College
September 13-16 ESP National Conference, Fargo, ND
September 15-18 Fifth National Small Farm Conference, Springfield, Illinois
September 15—18  NEAFCS Conference, Birmingham AL
September 20-24  NACAA, Portland OR
September 24  OSU University Day
October 19-21  Extension Leadership Meeting & ECAN meeting
October 25-29  NAE4HA, Rochester NY

2010
March 16-20  National Camping Institute Conference, 4-H Center, Salem
June 27-30  ANREP Conference, Fairbanks AK
July 11-15  NACAA, Tulsa OK
October 12-15  ESP National Conference, Jackson Hole, WY

2011
October 9-13  National ESP Conference, Syracuse, NY

AWARDS & RECOGNITION
Congratulations goes to the following faculty, staff, volunteers and clientele who have recently received awards of recognition.

Robin Rosetta, NWREC, received the City of Portland Parks and Recreation’s Partner in Environmental Stewardship Award. This is the first time they have given the award.

Clark Seavert, NWREC, received the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association’s prestigious award: Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program: Individual, Ten or More Years Experience. The Association will present this award to Clark at the upcoming AAEA & ACCI Joint Annual Meeting to be held in Milwaukee, WI from July 26-28, 2009.

Jon Mayer, Multnomah 4-H Faculty, received the Mary Rellegert Forest Education Award from the Oregon Department of Forestry and Oregon Natural Resource Education Program within the College of Forestry. It’s to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the advancement of education and understanding of forestry.

2008-09 Promotion and Tenure
Congratulations to the following OSU Extension Service Faculty:
Promotion to Professor
Kim Anderson, Environmental & Molecular Toxicology
Troy Downing, Tillamook – Animal Science
Virginia Bourdeau, 4H - Education
Sally Bowman, FCH - HDFS

Associate Professor
Carole Smith, Union – 4H

Sr. Instructor
Tim Stock, Environmental & Molecular Toxicology
ON THE HOME FRONT

Wedding Bells were ringing again! Congratulations to Heather Meyers, Morrow County OFNP Program Assistant and Eric Strand were married on March 28, 2009, in Independence, Oregon.

Births
Emily Brungardt, Deschutes County OFNP Educational Program Assistant, delivered a healthy baby girl May 13th. She and her husband Josh's first child - Greta Mae Brungardt was born at 9:59am May 13th, weighing 7lbs 9oz. and measuring 20 inches! The whole family is healthy and doing great.

PERSONNEL UPDATES

Resignations:
Katie Duff, Instructor 4-H Youth Development, Umatilla County 6/15/09

Recruitment Updates

Unclassified
#0003020 Assistant Professor, FCD, Clackamas County (1.0) FTE
Committee Chair: Kathy Gunter
Candidate Selected: Deborah John
Status: Offer Accepted

#0004166 Database Administrator/Programmer (1.0) FTE, Ag Crop & Soil Sci Ext, Corvallis Campus
Committee Chair: Dennis Lundeen
Candidate Selected: None
Status: Under Review by Search Committee

#0004246 Instructor, 4-H Youth Development, Umatilla County (0.49) FTE
Committee Chair: Randy Mills
Candidate Selected: None
Status: Open Recruitment
Closes: 6/14/09

Do you know of something happening in your office that you’d like to share? Perhaps a birth of a son or daughter or grandchild? Recognitions received? Has someone in your office experienced a loss of a loved one? We’d like to hear from you. Although we are spread across the miles, it’s important that we stay connected. Please help us do that.

Send any information you would like shared with the organization, to Janet Drollinger janet.drollinger@oregonstate.edu by the 25th of each month.