

**NCAC6 Regional Project\Proposal Review by  
Animal and Dairy Science Department Heads  
2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010  
Hyatt Regency, Granite C, Denver, CO**

Committee Chair: Jim Linn

Administrative Advisor: Donald Marshall

Secretary: Vikram Mistry

Time meeting called to order: 08:00 A. M.

Attendees:

Larry Berger – University of Nebraska  
Rod Geisert – University of Missouri  
Maynard Hogberg – Iowa State University  
Karen Jones – Southern Illinois University  
Greg Lardy – North Dakota State University  
Jim Linn – University of Minnesota  
Donald Marshall – South Dakota State University  
Vikram Mistry – South Dakota State University  
Kenneth Odde – Kansas State University  
Muquarrab Qureshi - USDA  
Clint Rusk – South Dakota State University  
Alan Sutton – Purdue University  
Janice Swanson – Michigan State University  
David Thomas – University of Wisconsin (Animal Science)

The Western Region will host the Animal and Dairy Science Department Head meeting in 2012. The meeting will be held in Nashville, TN in conjunction with NCBA. Dates for the meeting are 31 Jan – 1 Feb' 12.

There were 6 projects assigned for review. A synopsis of the discussion points on each of the projects follows.

**NC temp1027:** An integrated approach to control of bovine respiratory diseases.

Status: New

Reviewers: Kinder and Odde

Comments:

Written in 2006. This is a very good proposal with good objectives and a good plan of action. Up to 2009 updates and minutes were very good but since that time there have been no postings. There is good collaboration and individuals have been productive but there are some concerns of viability.

Suggestions:

Don Marshall will visit with Chris Chase to determine plans for the future of this project. Publications and minutes need to be updated.

Motion: Approve - Odde; Second: Alan Sutton

Action: Approve with normal revisions

**NC temp1029:** Applied Animal Behavior and Welfare

Status: New

Reviewers: Berger and Mistry

Comments:

Proposal is well written and based on sound science. Objectives are clearly defined but literature review is not thorough. As this is a new proposal there are no accomplishments to report.

Suggestions:

Motion: Approve: Berger - ; Second: Hogberg

Action: Approve with normal revisions

**NCERA temp87:** Beef-Cow-Calf Nutrition and Management Committee

Status: New

Reviewers: Merchen and Rusk

Comments:

This project includes LGUs from the north-central area as well as Wyoming and Louisiana because of movement of faculty. Objectives and procedures are clearly stated but are too broad. There is a concern on how the reduction on cost of production will be achieved and how sustainability of cow-calf production will be accomplished.

Suggestions:

Objectives need to be better defined and goals need to be more focused.

Motion: Approval - Rusk; Second: Odde

Action: Approve with normal revisions

**NCERA temp89:** Swine Production Management to Enhance Animal Welfare

Status: New

Reviewers: Swanson and Sutton

Comments:

Minutes after December 2008 are not available but publications record is up to date. This is a productive and proactive group, is very active in Extension and Research activities and particularly strong on Extension – short courses, training guide, etc. Objectives are broad but relevant. Details on procedures could have been better described. The group has a very good publications record. The academic side of the project is fair and accomplishments are not clear. There is a concern about objective 3 as it is not clear who among the participants have expertise in behavior, economics veterinary. The group works well together. Evidence of meetings is needed through the availability of minutes.

Suggestions:

The group might want to consider collaborating with 1029. Define clearly how objective 3 will be met. The group should update minutes regularly on NIMSS. Define plans of work with some more detail.

Motion: Approval - Swanson; Second: Odde

Action: Approve with revisions contingent upon availability of up-to-date minutes on NIMMS.

**NC1170:** Advanced Technologies for the Genetic Improvement of Poultry

Status: Midterm

Reviewers: Geisert and Hogberg

Comments:

This group has been very productive and has made many in-roads. It is a national group that has made great progress against their objectives. There is evidence of a lot of sharing of work and data. The group is working with industry and USDA to further enhance their work. The group has external funding to help support their work in a collaborative manner. The group regularly

solicits NIFA funds for organizing conferences. The outcomes are available in gene bank and through other means. Participants include university as well as industry groups. Participants are also engaged in the international arena. A challenge for the group is to not duplicate with another group that addresses genetic disease resistance in poultry.

Suggestions:

Motion: Approval - Geisert; Second: Hogberg

Action: Approve with normal revision

**NCCC208:** Nutrition and Management of Feedlot Cattle to Optimize Performance, Carcass Value and Environmental Compatibility  
Status: Midterm

Reviewers: Lardy and Thomas

Comments:

The group meets annually as well as informally at the Midwest meetings. Attendance is sporadic but has good linkages. The group invites guest speakers from industry and other areas at their meetings. It has a website but it is not up-to-date. Similarly, some information on NIMSS is also not up to date.

Suggestions:

There is potential for developing symposia. The group should encourage better attendance at their annual meetings.

Motion: Approval - Lardy; Second: Berger

Action: Approve with normal revisions

Motion: Adjourn: Lardy; Second: Hogberg

Meeting was adjourned at: 09:35 A. M.

Respectfully submitted

Vikram Mistry

9<sup>th</sup> February 2011