

Experiment Station Section Annual Meeting

September 27, 2004

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Westin Hotel

Oklahoma City, OK

AGENDA		
Time	Agenda Item	Agenda Item Title
1:00	1.0	Call to order – D. C. Coston (Chair)
	2.0	Approval of Agenda and 2003 ESS Meeting Minutes
1:05	3.0	Interim Action – D. C. Coston
1:10	4.0	NIMSS Update and Budget Vote – Eric Young
1:30	5.0	Proposed Changes to the ESS Rules of Operation – Daryl Lund PowerPoint Presentation (Same presentation for agenda items 5.0 and 6.0)
1:40	6.0	Proposed Changes to the MRF Guidelines (link to revised pdf) – Daryl Lund PowerPoint Presentation (Same presentation for agenda items 5.0 and 6.0!)
1:50	7.0	NRSP Review Committee – Gary Lemme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>NRSP-RC PowerPoint presentation</u> • <u>NRSP Guideline Revisions (PDF Version)</u> • <u>Please review all NRSP Review Committee Documents at http://www.wisc.edu/ncra/NRSPRCmaterials(9-2004).htm</u>
2:50	8.0	NIAS Update – D. C. Coston
3:00	Break	
3:00	9.0	CSREES Update – Gary Cunningham
3:15	10.0	Civil Rights Guidelines – Tom Fretz/Gary Cunningham
3:30	11.0	BAA-PB Update – Colin Kaltenbach
3:40	12.0	ESCOP Standing Committees
3:40	12.1	ESCOP Budget and Legislative Committee – Darrell Nelson/Daryl Lund
3:55	12.2	ESCOP Communication/Marketing Committee – Jerry Arkin/Tom Fretz <i>12.2.1 Counter-factual Study</i>
4:10	12.3	ESCOP Science and Technology Committee – Nancy Cox/Eric Young
4:20	12.4	Planning Committee – Virginia Clark Johnson/Sam Donald <i>12.4.3 Operational Plan for the Science Roadmap</i>
4:40	12.5	Nominations Committee Report – Scott Angle
4:45	12.6	Resolutions Committee Report – Cameron Hackney
4:50	12.0	NRSP Voting Results – Gary Lemme
4:55	14.0	Final remarks/Announcements – D.C. Coston
5:00	Adjourn	

AGENDA BRIEFS

Agenda Item 1.0: Call to order
Presenter: D. C. Coston (Chair)

Action Taken:

Agenda Item 2.0: Approval of the Agenda and 2003 ESS Meeting Minutes

Action Requested: Approval of the ESS 2004 Agenda and the 2003 Minutes.

Action Taken:

Agenda Item 3.0: Interim Actions
Presenter: D. C. Coston

Background Information:

- Sent letter to John Phillips suggesting the 1994s appoint an official 1994 representative to ESCOP.
- Approved wording changes for the ESS Rules of Operation
- Forwarded ESCOP nominations to NASULGC.
- Followed up with Ian Maw on the NASULGC Presidents' discussion regarding the Land Grant Mission.
- Appointed an ESS Resolutions Committee

Action Requested: Approval of the Interim Actions.

Action Taken:

Agenda Item 4.0: NIMSS Update and Budget Vote
Presenter: Eric Young

Background Information:

NIMSS has undergone a major reconstruction. The purpose of the upgrade was to increase NIMSS' functionality by re-designing the framework with which users are registered and assigned access. In the new version, menus are customized according to the user's profile and level of authorization. Rubie Mize (NERA) will give a brief overview of the new NIMSS.

Below is the proposed 2004/05 NIMSS budget, accepted by the NIMSS Oversight Committee and ESCOP. It is proposed that Section funds currently on deposit with NASULGC be used for 2004/05. Also, it is proposed that the NIMSS budget in future years, beginning with 2005/06, be included as a separate line item in the NRSP-1 budget. NIMSS would still be maintained by the NE Regional Association office on a University of Maryland server under the guidance of the NIMSS Oversight Committee.

NIMSS 2004/05 Budget
Projected Expenses (July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005)

Programmer salary		
	Judy Sun	\$22,000
	Natalie Moy	\$4,000
Server space rental and consultations		\$2,000
Equipment and materials		\$1,000
Travel/Training		\$2,000
Communications (ISP, phone)		\$1,500
TOTAL Projected Expenditure		\$32,500

turn over to D.C. for budget vote.

Funding Source Proposal

2004/05 – \$32,500 from ESS funds on deposit with NASULGC, balance as of 6/30/04 is \$101,395.00.

Future years – NIMSS budget will be included in the NRSP-1 budget as a separate line item and funded from off-the-top Hatch MRF.

Action Requested: Approve use of ESS funds for FY '04/05 NIMSS budget. Approve moving ahead with including the NIMSS operating budget as a separate line item in NRSP-1 for FY '05/06 and future years.

Action Taken:

Agenda Item 5.0: Proposed Changes to the ESS Rules of Operation

Presenter: Daryl Lund

The current ESS Rules of Operation can be found on the ESCOP Homepage at:
<http://www.cals.ncsu.edu:8050/escop/ESS%20Rules%20rev%20Sept%2003-2.pdf> .

View the PowerPoint presentation illustrating the ESS and MRF Guideline Changes at [HERE](#).

Motion 1: Eliminate the ESCOP Partnership Committee

Rationale: The ESCOP Partnership Committee met via conference call in the spring, 2004. Due to membership turnover, the Committee discussed previous activities of the Committee and decided to seek input from ESS membership via the regional associations regarding future priorities and activities for the Committee. This input was sought at both the spring and summer meetings of the regional associations. Essentially the Committee did not received substantive input either from committee members or from the regional associations. Of those committee members replying to the request for input, all recommended that the Partnership Committee be abolished.

Furthermore, the joint COP PARTNERSHIP WORKING GROUP (formed after the February 2001 retreat with CSREES) is now accomplishing several of the original functions envisioned for the Partnership Committee. This working group was created to facilitate interaction between the land-grant community and USDA-CSREES, and it has representatives from ESCOP, ECOP, ACOP, and ICOP as well as USDA-CSREES. The working group focuses on issues of communication, coordination, and policies impacting the land grants such as plan of work, program reviews, impact factors, etc.. ESCOP will press BAA to have the Partnership Working Group formally recognized within the COP's structure.

Requested Action: Approval by vote.

Action Taken:

Motion 2: Clarification ESCOP meeting times.

Background: The ESS Rules of Operation (Rules) currently state (page 7):

Meeting Times:

Two (2) meetings are scheduled for ESCOP each calendar year. They are the winter (February) and summer (July) meetings.

ESCOP now meets at the All COPs meeting in mid-summer and at the AHS-CARET meeting in February. Although this is the current meeting pattern, the Rules should be more general so that they do not need to be changed if there is a change in the meeting schedule.

Recommended Change: Page 7 should read:

Meeting Times:

ESCOP shall meet at least once during each calendar year. The mandatory meeting shall be at the All COPs meeting for as long as the All COPs meeting is held. An annual

meeting of ESS is usually held in September.

Action Requested: Approval by vote.

Action Taken:

Motion 3: Support for ESCOP Policy Board Representative.

Background: Currently, page 7 in Article VII, Section entitled "The duties of ESCOP Officers are:" reads:

Representative to the BAA Policy Board of Directors: The representative to the Policy Board of Directors represents the interests of the Section and ESCOP to the BAA Policy Board of Directors. The representative shall prepare an annual report on Board activities for presentation during the Section meeting (usually in September). (See also BAA Rules of Operation, Article III, Section 4.)

ESCOP identified an ED to serve as staff to the Policy Board representative (currently Mike Harrington). It seems appropriate to formally identify a length of term and procedure for appointment of the ED support.

Recommended Change: Change the section to read:

Representative to the BAA Policy Board of Directors **and Executive Director staff support** : The representative to the Policy Board of Directors represents the interests of the Section and ESCOP to the BAA Policy Board of Directors. The representative shall prepare an annual report on Board activities for presentation during the Section meeting (usually in September). (See also BAA Rules of Operation, Article III, Section 4.) **The ED who supports the Policy Board representative shall be appointed to a two-year term by the chair of ESCOP. The appointment shall be made at the end of the first year of the Policy Board representative's term, and the ED is eligible to serve a maximum of two terms (4 years) in succession.** (Bold emphasis added for clarity to this motion.)

Action Requested: Approval by vote.

Action Taken:

Agenda Item 6.0: Proposed Changes to the MRF Guidelines

Presenter: Daryl Lund

Background Information: View the proposed changes to the MRF Guidelines at [www.cals.ncsu.edu:8050/escop/MRF Guidelines-Revised.pdf](http://www.cals.ncsu.edu:8050/escop/MRF%20Guidelines-Revised.pdf). View the PowerPoint presentation illustrating the ESS and MRF Guideline Changes at [HERE](#).

- Removing references to IEGs and substituting ERAs.
- Referencing the Guidelines for NRSPs.
- Adding the table of description for the various activities/committees allowed.
- Acknowledging that ARS scientists can authorize their participation themselves.
- Changing the wording on two year election of chairs to "encouraged."
- Identifying NIMSS as the repository of all information pertaining to multistate activities/projects.
- Acknowledging that the AA is responsible for submitting the SAES 422 but not for generating it.
- Acknowledging that CRIS forms will be the method reporting a participant's individual contribution to a project/activity.
- In the Glossary, add NIMSS definition and NRSPs are governed by NRSP Guidelines.

CSREES indicated a commitment to have a modified draft review instrument to the ESCOP/ECOP representatives by May 28th. However legal matters and Mr. Deville's schedule prevented this from occurring.

On behalf of the membership, ESCOP queried Mr. Deville on the status of the guidelines on August 25. No response has been received to date. See attached letter from Ian Gray to Curt Deville.

Action Requested: None; for information only.

Action Taken:

Agenda Item 11.0: BAA-PB Update

Presenter: Colin Kaltenbach

Background Information:

ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE BAA-PBD MEETING JULY 25, 2004

- Discussed and clarified the procedure for replacing the Advocacy Chair of the Budget and Advocacy Committee – the slate of nominees will come from the Administrative Heads Section and the Chair of the Policy Board of Directors will make the selection
- Requested the NASULGC staff to continue to send original assessment invoices to the Administrative Heads Section (including the Extension directors who qualified as AHS members)
- Approved the assessment for e-Extension (as adopted by the Cooperative Extension Section) and agreed to have it added to the invoice sent from NASULGC to the Administrative Heads Section in January 2005
- Reconfirmed the meeting dates for the PBD:
 - **September 12-13, 2004** at NASULGC in Washington, DC (the meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. depending on the agenda and conclude by mid-afternoon on the final day)
 - **November 15-16, 2004** at the NASULGC Annual Meeting in San Diego, California
- Reviewed and approved the criteria and nominee(s) for the Congressional Champion's Award as submitted by the Budget and Advocacy Committee
- Approved a one-time expense of \$15,000 for the purchase of the Congressional Champion's Awards (12 awards) with the remaining \$5,000 being paid by the Budget and Advocacy Committee
- Requested that an invitation be extended to Vic Lechtenberg for the PBD meeting in September and William Danforth for the Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA to discuss the report of the Research, Education, and Economics Task Force (*Moser and Neufville*)
- Agreed to terminate the National Leadership Conference at the recommendation of the committee formed to look at the event
- Requested Nancy Bull to summarize the results of the BAA structure survey (reporting by sections and institutions) at the September PBD meeting (*Bull*)
- Requested the NASULGC staff to resend the e-mail to the section chairs of the BAA asking for a report from each section on what the section has done in relation to the engaged university document and the barriers to implementation – all feedback should be submitted to Eddie Gouge by close of business on **August 20, 2004**
- Accepted a request from the territories and insular areas to have a representative on the Farm Bill Committee and Chairman Moser appointed Jeff Barcinas (Uni-versity of Guam) as the representative; Eddie Gouge was asked to prepare a letter to Jeff Barcinas and Jeff Armstrong informing them of the appointment.
- Requested the sections of the Board that had not named a representative to the Science/Education Exhibition Planning Committee to do so
- Asked Mort Neufville to contact Jim Fischer at the Department of Energy about participating in the NASULGC Annual Meeting program
- Requested Chairman Moser to send a letter to John Byrne and Stan Johnson asking them to do at presentation at the NASULGC Annual Meeting (10:15 a.m. session on Monday, November 15, 2004) on the land-grant mission as a follow up to the engagement document
- Asked that a letter be sent out from Chairman Moser by August 6, 2004 encouraging the land-grant system and the Food and Society project to participate in the World Food Prize activities

Action Requested: None, for information only.

Action Taken:



EXPERIMENT STATION COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND POLICY

Experiment Station Section
The Board on Agriculture Assembly
National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges

September 22, 2004
Curtiland Deville
Director, Equal Opportunity Staff
CSREES/USDA

Dear Mr. Deville:

On behalf of ESCOP, I write in response to the letter of May 14, 2004 from Dr. Hefferan regarding the guidelines for conducting civil rights reviews of Research and Extension programs.

We were pleased to learn that USDA, and in particular your office, met with representatives of the State Agricultural Experiment Stations and Cooperative Extension on May 10th, to discuss the guidelines that are under development and that the dialogue with the partners was deemed helpful. We were pleased to learn that the resulting dialogue will help to improve the clarity, simplicity and completeness of the proposed guidelines. The directors, given that many are experiencing or will experience civil rights reviews shortly, are looking forward to having the opportunity to review the guidelines before they are published. Our directors take their responsibilities seriously, particularly as it relates to civil rights, and are anxious to have this opportunity to assist in the development of the guidelines so that the guidelines will be available to assist them as they prepare for an eventual review of their state research and/or cooperative extension programs.

Those who manage these important programs and have responsibility for the federal funds provided in partial support of the agricultural research and extension mission at our land grant universities, are committed to assuring full and complete compliance to all statutes that impact the civil rights of all employees and stakeholders, and believe that published guidelines will allow them to better prepare for and provide your office with documentation as required.

We understand the limits of your office and the time constraints under which you work but would like to know when we might expect to have draft guidelines for review. As a matter of record, our state agricultural experiment station directors gather in Oklahoma City for their annual meeting September 26 -29, and this would be an excellent time for them to discuss the guidelines in their regional association meetings and provide feedback to you and to your office.

I look forward to hearing from you, and please know that if there is any way in which the directors can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely yours,

Ian Gray, Chair ESCOP

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Agenda Item 12.0: ESCOP Standing Committees

Agenda Item 12.1: ESCOP Budget and Legislative Committee

Presenter: Darrell Nelson/Daryl Lund

Background Information:

FY 05 Budget: The House passed the Ag Approps Bill June 23. The bill as it affects CSREES and our programs was distributed to all directors and can be found on the BAC website. Clearly the system did not get everything it wanted especially in the area of minority serving institutions and in restoration of all the cuts from FY 04. However, there is a significant increase (\$16M) in the NRI and the Hatch budget was increased slightly (a real accomplishment). Given the budget situation, the requirement for allocation of funds to the new Department of Homeland Security, and the funds needed for DOD, the net result of the House budget is very favorable. The Senate Ag Approps Subcommittee reported out its recommendations. The attachments point out the House and Senate recommendations and how the lobbying action fared on the priorities for the FY 05 budget (not bad!).

FY 06 Budget: ESCOP has submitted its priorities to the BAC. The priorities are very general and you all will have an opportunity to have input through Session 3 at the following SAES/ARD workshop. The plan is to have a greater degree of specificity by the NASULGC annual meeting in November followed by really specific recommendations within a week following the release of the President's FY 06 budget (scheduled for early to mid-February).

Rural Renaissance Act: Senator Norm Coleman (MN) introduced a bill in support of rural economic development (S.1796) entitled: A bill to revitalize rural America and rebuild main street, and for other purposes (sponsor: Sen Coleman, Norm [MN] (introduced 10/29/2003); cosponsors: Sen DeWine [OH], Sen Graham [SC], Sen Pryor [AR]). The NASULGC Presidents' Council has embraced the bill and is fully supportive of the bill. The President of the University of Minnesota is leading the charge and will call on all members of the NASULGC family to support the bill as need arises. Basically, the Bill amends the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to establish the Rural Renaissance Corporation to authorize issuance of rural renaissance bonds for financing qualified projects. Furthermore the bill amends the Internal Revenue Code to allow a limited credit to the holder of a rural renaissance bond, sets an annual rural renaissance bond limit, and provides for allocation among the States. Qualified projects include: (1) a water or waste treatment project; (2) a conservation project, including any project to protect water quality or air quality (including odor abatement), any project to prevent soil erosion, and any project to protect wildlife habitat, including any project to assist agricultural producers in complying with Federal, State, or local regulations; (3) an affordable housing project; (4) a community facility project, including hospitals, fire and police stations, and nursing and assisted-living facilities; (5) a value-added agriculture or renewable energy facility project for agricultural producers or farmer-owned entities, including any project to promote the production or processing of ethanol, biodiesel, animal waste, biomass, raw commodities, or wind as a fuel; (6) a rural venture capital project for, among others, farmer-owned entities; (7) a distance learning or telemedicine project; (8) a project to expand broadband technology; and (9) a rural teleworks project. According to the BRT, nothing has happened with the bill in the Senate nor has a companion bill been introduced in the House.

Farm Bill: All of the COPs are now working on the Farm Bill. Chair Jeff Armstrong had a teleconference recently to set up the committee. Current thinking in Congress is that the Farm Bill will come up sooner than its 2007 expiration date. There are five subcommittees for the five most relevant subtitles. ESCOP has already recommended the appointment of ESCOP members to each of the subcommittee and the Steering Committee. Those recommendations are: Conservation - Henry Vaux (CA); Rural Development - Alfred Parks (Prairie View A&M); Energy - Kevin Kephart (SD); Research and Education - Bill Brown (LA); Forestry - Bruce Wiersma (ME); Steering Committee - LeRoy Daugherty (NM) and Tom Fretz (NERA). The deans have enlisted the assistance of the EDs and each (10 in all) have been assigned to specific subtitles. LeRoy Daugherty and Tom Fretz will be coordinating ESCOP's engagement in this process.

F.Y. 2005 Senate Mark Compared to House Mark, President's Request, and Prior Year Appropriations

**F. Y. 2005 Budget Request for Cooperative State Research,
Education, and Extension Service
Budget and Advocacy Committee — Board on Agriculture Assembly
National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges**

NASULGC Requests Compared to House and Senate Marks – September 15, 2004

Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Services

F.Y. 2005 Senate Mark Compared to House Mark, President's Request, and Prior Year Appropriations

	FY 2003 Enacted	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Bush	FY 2005 House	FY 2005 Senate
Research and Education Activities					
Payments under Hatch Act	178.977	179.085	180.148	180.648	180.148
Cooperative Forestry (McIntire-Stennis)	21.742	21.755	21.884	22.384	23.000
Evans-Allen Program	35.411	35.788	36.000	37.000	36.000
Special Research Grants	111.534	110.655	3.341	88.194	108.731
Improved pest control:					
Emerging pest					
Expert IPM	0.176	0.158		0.177	0.158
Integrated Pest Management	2.707	2.439		2.725	2.439
IR-4 Minor Crop Pest Management	10.673	9.549		11.235	10.550
Pest Management Alternatives	1.608	1.448		1.619	1.448
Improved Pest Control (total)	15.165	13.594	15.006	15.756	14.595
National Research Initiative	166.045	164.027	180.000	180.000	183.000
Animal Health and Disease	5.065	4.532	5.098	5.098	5.098
Alternative Crops					
Canola	0.841	0.752		0.846	0.840
Hesperaloe and other desert plants	0.348	0.311		0.350	
Critical Agricultural Materials Act	1.242	1.111		1.111	1.111
1994 Institutions	1.093	1.087	0.998	1.087	1.087
Joe Skeen Rangeland	0.994	0.895		1.000	1.000
Institution Challenge Grants	4.888	4.859	5.500	5.500	4.859
Graduate Fellowships	3.222	2.883	4.500	4.500	2.883
Multicultural Scholars	0.992	0.986	0.998	0.998	0.998
Hispanic Education Partnership	4.073	4.645	4.645	5.645	4.645
1890 Institution Capacity Building Grants	11.404	11.411	11.411	12.411	11.411
Payments to the 1994 Institutions	1.689	1.679	2.250	2.250	1.689
Alaska/Hawaiian Serving Institutions	3.477	3.131	2.997	2.997	3.500
Secondary Agriculture Education	0.994	0.890	1.000	1.000	0.890
Sustainable Agriculture SARE	13.661	12.222	9.230	12.722	12.222
Aquaculture Centers (Sec.1475)	4.471	4.000	3.996	4.000	4.000
Resident Instruction Grants - Insular Areas				0.500	
Higher Education Agrosecurity Education			5.000		
Federal Administration (Total)	29.466	37.482	7.538	42.610	26.785
Total	616.792	617.780	501.540	628.607	628.492

	FY 2003 Enacted	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Bush	FY 2005 House	FY 2005 Senate
Extension Activities					
Smith Lever (3)b and (3)c	279.390	277.742	275.940	277.242	277.742
1890 Institutions	31.908	31.720	32.117	33.133	32.117
Smith Lever section 3(d):					
Farm Safety	5.489	4.911	0.000	4.600	4.174
Food and Nutrition Education (EFNEP)	58.185	52.057	57.909	58.909	58.000
Indian Reservation Agents	1.983	1.774	1.996	1.996	1.774
Pest Management	10.689	9.563	10.759	10.759	9.563
Rural Development Center					
Sustainable Agriculture	4.843	4.333	3.792	4.000	4.333
Youth at Risk	8.426	7.538	8.481	8.481	7.538
Youth Farm Safety Education and Certification	0.496	0.443	0.499	0.499	0.444
Renewable Resources Extension Act	4.516	4.040	4.093	4.093	4.093
1890 Facilities (Sec. 1447)	14.903	14.912	14.912	16.912	14.912
Rural Health and Safety Education	2.605	2.331			1.981
Extension Services 1994 Institutions	3.365	2.929	3.273	3.273	2.929
Grants to Youth Organizations	2.981	2.667			2.667
Federal Administration and Special Grants (total)	20.741	22.164	7.403	16.452	20.794
Total	450.520	439.125	421.174	440.349	443.061

	FY 2003 Enacted	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Bush	FY 2005 House	FY 2005 Senate
Integrated Activities					
Critical Issues -- Plant and Animal Diseases	0.497	0.444	2.500	2.500	0.444
Rural Development Centers	1.503	1.345	1.513	1.513	1.345
Water Quality	12.887	11.530	12.971	12.971	11.530
Food Safety	14.870	13.305	14.967	14.967	13.305
Pesticide Impact Assessment	4.502	4.028	4.531	4.531	4.028
International Science and Education Grants	0.497	0.895	1.000	1.000	0.895
Crops at Risk from FQPA	1.487	1.330	1.497	1.497	1.330
FQPA Risk Mitigation Program for Major Food Crops	4.857	4.345	4.889	4.889	4.345
Methyl Bromide Transition Program	3.229	3.131	2.498	2.498	3.131
Organic Transition Program	2.111	1.889	0.499	1.889	1.889
Homeland Security Program		7.953	30.000	18.000	15.000
Total	46.439	50.195	76.865	66.255	57.242

1. **Restore the 33 line items cut by 10% in F.Y. 2004 Agriculture Appropriations bill.** See the attached sheets for a detailed breakdown.
2. **1890 Institution's facilities and capacity building; 1994 Institution's research and extension programs; other minority-serving programs.**

<u>Line Items</u>	<u>F.Y. 2004</u>	<u>Our Request</u>	<u>House Mark</u>	<u>Senate Mark</u>
1890 Institution Capacity Building Grants	\$11,411,000	\$24,500,000	\$12,411,000	\$11,411,000
1890 Facilities (Sec. 1447)	14,912,000	24,500,000	16,912,000	14,912,000
1994 Institutions Research	1,087,000	3,000,000	1,087,000	1,087,000
1994 Institutions Extension	2,929,000	5,000,000	3,273,000	2,929,000
Hispanic Education Partnership	4,645,000	5,100,000	5,645,000	4,645,000
Resident Instruction and Distance Ed. Grants ¹	0	1,000,000	500,000	0

3. **Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP).**

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>F.Y. 2004</u>	<u>Our Request</u>	<u>House Mark</u>	<u>Senate Mark</u>
Expanded Food & Nutrition Ed. Program	\$52,057,000	\$62,000,000	\$58,909,000	\$58,000,000

4. **CSREES competitive grant line items.**

<u>Line Items</u>	<u>F.Y. 2004</u>	<u>Our Request</u>	<u>House Mark</u>	<u>Senate Mark</u>
National Research Initiative	\$164,027,000	\$180,000,000	\$180,000,000	\$183,000,000
Institution Challenge Grants	4,859,000	6,000,000	5,500,000	4,859,000
International Science & Education Grants	895,000	1,500,000	1,000,000	895,000

5. **Homeland Security initiatives.**

<u>Line Items</u>	<u>F.Y. 2004</u>	<u>Our Request</u>	<u>House Mark</u>	<u>Senate Mark</u>
Animal and Plant Diagnostic Labs/EDEN	\$7,953,000	\$30,000,000	\$18,000,000	\$15,000,000
Higher Education Agrosecurity Education	0	5,000,000	0	0

Notes:

¹ This is a new line item for land-grant institutions in insular jurisdictions.

Action Requested: We need a new representative to the Farm Bill Subcommittee on Research and Education. One member of the B/L Committee has suggested Lee Sommers

Action Taken:

Agenda Item 12.2: ESCOP Communication/Marketing Committee
Presenter: Jerry Arkin/Tom Fretz

Background Information:

The ESCOP Communication and Marketing Committee met September 14, 2004 in Washington, DC. Discussion focused on the Counterfactual Study and the development of a lay piece for use in supporting the ongoing effort to retain and grow federal formula funds. The committee has agreed to support and proceed with the publication of a 4-color lay publication for use in lobbying efforts - Formula for Success - The Case for Federal Formula Funds for Agricultural Research. Fretz will work with the Agricultural Communications office at Iowa State to develop the final copy. Target date for completion of this effort is November 2004, so that this publication can be used as part of the package of materials in support of the FY 06

Federal budget request for formula funds.

In addition the committee is supportive of the Science on the Hill Exhibit planned for March 1, 2005 and supports the need for a featured exhibit on the Science Roadmap.

The committee will focus continued discussion and future efforts on the effective use of Impact Statements that are requested by the system and on the need for more effective partnerships with federal agencies.

Action Requested: For information only. No action requested.

Action Taken:

Agenda Item 12.2.1: Counter-factual Study

Background Information:

Action Requested:

Action Taken:

Agenda Item 12.3: ESCOP Science and Technology Committee

Presenter: Nancy Cox

Background Information:

The Science & Technology Committee met on March 1 in Washington, D.C. and discussed the following topics.

1. Recommend ways that ESCOP can assist the PIPRA initiative in its humanitarian mission relative to intellectual property generated by public universities.
 - The NASULGC Council of Presidents (VPs for Research) should consider this issue.
 - What would we consider humanitarian purposes. Would we include minor use crops or all crops used for food?
 - IR4 may be a model to look at for a process to use patents on minor crops.
 - Leverage genomics technology for use in the developing world-Global Challenge Program. Robert Ziegler is now its director. Suggest communication with him and exploring some sort of collaboration.
 - PIPRA subcommittee will explore this further (Nancy Cox, Steve Pueppke, and Bill Brown).
2. Conduct a more in-depth, validated needs assessment of the Science Roadmap for Agriculture.
 - A subgroup (Lou Swanson, Dan Rossi and Sally Rockey) is developing a plan and budget to do this needs assessment.
 - The preliminary plan is to survey the experiment station and extension chief operating officers of all 1862 and 1890 institutions. The survey will be conducted by the Survey Research Center at the University of Kentucky.
 - This survey will include:
 - i. Importance rating and ranking of the Roadmap's 28 objectives under the 7 goal areas.
 - ii. An opportunity to indicate critical research goals that have emerged since publication of the Roadmap.
 - iii. Assessment of the most limiting resources (expertise, facilities, funding, etc.) that currently hinder addressing the Roadmap goals and objectives.
3. A proposed task force to develop white paper on current state of knowledge concerning prions, BSE, CJD, nvCJD, and other TSE's.

- S&T drafted a letter for the ESCOP Chair that has been sent to the leadership of the multistate project NC-505 (A Collaborative Initiative for Domestic Surveillance, Diagnosis, and Therapy of Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies) asking that group to address the possible spontaneous occurrence of BSE and what it may mean to the public understanding of the disease.

Action Requested: None; information only.

Action Taken:

Agenda Item 12.4: Planning Committee

Presenter: Virginia Clark Johnson/Sam Donald

Background Information:

1. A meeting of the committee was held with members of the Planning Committee who were in attendance at the COPS meeting in Orlando, July, 2004.
2. A Planning Committee meeting will be held during the SAES/ARD meeting in Oklahoma City, September, 2004.
3. Operational Plan for the Science Roadmap (refer to Item 12.4.3 below).

Action Requested: Approve proposed Operational Plan for the Science Roadmap.

Action Taken:

Agenda Item 12.4.3: Operational Plan for the Science Roadmap

Background Information:

The Operational Plan for the Science Roadmap was reviewed by ESCOP at the Orlando meeting and will be presented at the ESS meeting in September. The Plan was finalized by the committee and reviewed by the ESCOP Chair's Advisory Committee prior to presentation to ESCOP.

**OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR THE SCIENCE ROADMAP
DRAFT DOCUMENT CREATED 2/24/04 BY ESCOP PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The purpose of this plan is to identify an operational plan that can be used to meet the seven challenges identified in the Science Roadmap. One overall goal has been identified for the plan; four topics were identified that are important to the achievement of that goal, with strategies for each topic. The Plan was intentionally written to provide broad, simple and basic guidance, with the realization that regions and stations would need to build goals to meet their particular challenges and needs.

GOAL: CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL RESEARCH ENTITIES TO WORK TOGETHER, AND WITH EXTENSION AND EDUCATION, TO ADDRESS THE SEVEN CHALLENGE AREAS IDENTIFIED IN THE SCIENCE ROADMAP: BE COMPETITIVE IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY; ADD VALUE TO OUR FUTURE HARVESTS; ADJUST AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES TO A CHANGING CLIMATE; BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES; MAKE OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES STRONG; AND, IMPROVE FOODS AND PROCESSING FOR BETTER HEALTH.

TOPIC 1 - STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION - STRATEGIES:

- 1) Recruit and support champions; people and organizations who are recognized by all partners as leaders.
- 2) Leverage resources and expertise through multiple partners (federal and state agencies, and other campuses) to strengthen research.
- 3) Use the food systems approach to establish the role of agriculture in societal issues.
- 4) Establish mechanisms to insure stakeholders' input is heard (advisory groups, focus groups).
- 5) Identify organizational structures that allow for and encourage collaboration, and create incentives to encourage collaboration (National Research Initiative Coordinated Agriculture Program, Multistate Research Funding process, integrated research, education and extension projects, National Research Initiative).

- 6) Create a system that better differentiates and identifies "niches" and builds on these so response time for addressing issues and problems can be quicker.

TOPIC 2 - PERSONNEL AND EXPERTISE - STRATEGIES:

- 1) Identify capacity and "gaps", including gaps in education among diverse groups.
- 2) Actively recruit persons from all segments of society to educate and train the next generation of researchers to meet the 7 challenges.
- 3) Utilize expertise without regard to location and discipline (across campus, among campuses, domestically as well as internationally).
- 4) Maximize the use of technology, where appropriate.
- 5) Provide incentives to encourage collaboration (release time, awards, salary stipend, hourly assistant, etc.).
- 6) Create joint programs to leverage resources (for example, World Food Distribution training programs offered through Texas universities; Great Plains IDEA).

TOPIC 3 - INFRASTRUCTURE/FACILITIES - STRATEGIES:

- 1) Establish a network of service centers (equipment used by many researchers; pay uses fee for service).
- 2) Share equipment and facilities to better utilize resources and minimize duplication.
- 3) Create matching sources of support for centralized service and/or shared equipment and facilities (as existing NIH or NSF programs).
- 4) Create Memo's of Agreement and/or Memo's of Understanding with Plans of Work to encourage sharing of new and existing equipment and facilities.

TOPIC 4 - FUNDING AND SUPPORT - STRATEGIES:

- 1) Create incentives to encourage pursuit of grants and contracts, for an example overload pay, grantsmanship training.
- 2) Create an incentive fund in competitive grants programs to provide matching funds for pooling resources (facilities, equipment and personnel).
- 3) Create a core-center approach to attract funds and promote multi-disciplinary participation in projects to which people can relate, for example obesity, renewable energy.

Agenda Item 12.5: Nominations Committee Report

Presenter: Scott Angle

Vote on Alfred L. Parks, nominee for ESCOP Chair

Background Information:

Alfred L. Parks is a Professor of Agricultural Economics and Research Director, Cooperative Agricultural Research Center, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX. He is a native of New Edinburg, Arkansas and received a B.S. degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. He received both the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Parks joined the faculty at Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA in 1972 and while at Southern University, he served for two (2) years on a capacity building team at the University of Yaounde in Cameroon, West Africa. He joined the faculty at Prairie View A&M University in 1977 as a Department Head of Agricultural Economics. Over the past 27 years he has served in various capacities, including his current capacity as Associate Dean and Research Director of the Cooperative Agricultural Research Center. He is highly published with over

100 articles, abstracts, book chapters, and manuscripts to his credit. He has received numerous awards for his teaching excellence and has been recognized by the American Agricultural Economics Association as an Outstanding Agricultural Economist. He serves on many local, state, national, and international committees, and has traveled extensive throughout West Africa, Mexico and Central America.

Action Requested: Approval by voice vote.

Action Taken:

Agenda Item 12.6: Resolutions Committee Report

Presenter: Wendy Wintersteen, Chair

Resolution of Appreciation to Agricultural Experiment Station Administrators who left their positions and responsibilities in the 2003-2004 year.

WHEREAS, the following have served as Administrators of their respective State Agricultural Experiment Station, and

WHEREAS, they have actively participated and served in various capacities at the state, regional and national level on behalf of the Agricultural Experiment Station system, Now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the State Experiment Station Directors at their annual meeting on September 27, 2004 recognize the contributions and service toward strengthening the State Agricultural Experiment Station System, and wish them success and happiness in all their future endeavors.

NCRA:

J. Ian Gray, Michigan State University
Nancy Betts, University of Nebraska
Phillip O. Larsen, University of Minnesota

SAAESD:

William H. Brown, Louisiana State University
Frank E. Gilstrap, Texas A&M University
Marty J. Fuller, Mississippi State University
John Jensen, Auburn University
Richard Jones, University of Florida

NERA:

John Anderson, University of Connecticut

WAAESD:

Henry Vaux, Jr., University of California
Merle Jensen, University of Arizona
Cathy Chan-Halbrendt, University of Hawaii
Richard Heimsch, University of Idaho

ARD:

Fred Harrison, Jr., Fort Valley State University

Action Requested: Approval

Action Taken:

Resolution of appreciation for Dr. J. Ian Gray.

WHEREAS, Dr. J. Ian Gray, Chairman of the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy and Experiment Station Section, has provided selfless and committed leadership and keen oversight to enhance the system, and

WHEREAS, under Dr. Gray's leadership and support, the activities of ESCOP committees have been greatly enhanced and have achieved significant accomplishments, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gray has provided outstanding leadership in the area of planning, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gray has provided outstanding leadership in building relationships with ECOP, ACOP, ICOP, NASULGC, and CSREES/USDA, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gray has been efficient and timely in the conduct of ESCOP business, therefore

LET IT BE KNOWN, that the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy and the Experiment Station Section recognize Dr. Gray's invaluable contribution and service to the national agricultural research system, and

THEREFORE, on this day of September 27, 2004, the Experiment Station Section and the

Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy resolve to extend their sincere gratitude for his commitment, service, and leadership for help in making the system more effective in addressing current and future needs, challenges and opportunities in agricultural research.

Action Requested: Approval.

Action Taken:

Resolution of appreciation to the Oklahoma State University Agriculture Experiment Station

WHEREAS The Agricultural Experiment Station Section met in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 26-29 2004; and

WHEREAS those attending were educated and stimulated by the meetings; and

WHEREAS the location for the meeting was outstanding and the accommodations were both compatible and conducive to effective interaction resulting in a successful meeting; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Agricultural Experiment Station Section expresses its appreciation to Dr. D.C. Coston, his colleagues and staff for arranging the facilities and coordinating the meeting and ; and be it further

RESOLVED, that an original of this resolution be provided to Dr. Coston and that a copy be filed as part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Action Requested: Approval.

Action Taken:

Agenda Item 13.0: NRSP Voting Results

Presenter: Gary Lemme

Background Information: The NRSP Review Committee recommendations were presented under Agenda Item 7.0 above. The results of that vote will be presented at this point in the ESS meeting.

Action Requested: None; for information only.

Action Taken:

Agenda Item 14.0: Final remarks/Announcements

Presenter: D.C. Coston

Background Information:

Action Requested:

Action Taken: