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This issue of the Higher Education Unit Newsletter comes to you with best wishes for a successful academic year. I wish to begin by thanking Dr. Lynette Olson, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Pittsburg State University (Kansas), for serving with distinction as HEU Chairperson for the past two years. Lynette has been a tremendous help to me as we make the transition to new HEU leadership for the coming years, and deserves a big thank you from the entire family and consumer sciences (FCS) higher education community.

As we move into this year, a number of issues and activities will keep all of us busy, and warrant our ongoing attention. I will highlight just a few of them in this column.

- The Task Force for Program Advancement, chaired by Virginia Vincenti (University of Wyoming) and with membership from a number of FCS organizations, continues its work to foster the growth and development of our programs throughout the U.S. We are developing a data base of all FCS programs in the country, including types of program structures and contact information for program leaders (see article by Dixie Crase in this issue). Information from the Task Force can be found on our website: <http://tfpa.cafcs.org/>
- As a member of the Task Force for Program Advancement, I will be conducting a survey of all identified FCS unit leaders (one per institution) to identify those activities and accomplishments that generate higher status and additional resources on their respective campuses. For example, we will identify the degree to which such things as teaching awards, external grants, advising quality, public and professional service, among many others create upward mobility (i.e., “*advancement*”) on various campuses. We will analyze these results by program type, structure, and size; the results will be transferred to the FCS community via papers presented and research publications. By the time you receive this Newsletter, the first round in the data gathering will be underway. If you receive an e-mail message from me and a request to complete our web-based survey, **PLEASE TAKE THE 10 MINUTES OR SO TO COMPLETE IT!** We need all of you to weigh in on these important issues that bear on our ability to advance our programs on our respective campuses.

- A Call for Undergraduate Research Proposals for the 2006 AAFCS Annual Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina (June 22-25) is included in this issue. Once again, I will be gathering the abstracts, handling the review, and organizing the session. In cooperation with the Coordinating Council of Honor Societies (Phi Upsilon Omicron and Kappa Omicron Nu) and the Council of Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences, we are pleased to announce that we will once again provide up to six \$500 travel awards to undergraduate presenters. This program is evolving into a major annual meeting attraction and is a solid bridge to future membership in AAFCS among our emerging professionals. Please encourage your faculty and your undergraduate students engaged in research to submit an abstract by the April 1, 1006 deadline!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions relating to higher education programs in the family and consumer sciences community. My e-mail address is:

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We are here to help YOU!

2006 Undergraduate Poster Session Call for Proposals

Session Coordinated by the AAFCS Higher Education Unit

Funding and Other Support Provided by the AAFCS Higher Education Unit, the Coordinating Council of Honor Societies, and the Council of Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences

American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Annual Conference

Charlotte, North Carolina

June 22-25

Please help us identify undergraduate students who will be ready to present their research efforts in the form of a poster during the AAFCS Annual Conference in Charlotte, NC next summer (June 22-25). The session, titled *Undergraduate Student Poster Session*, is co-sponsored by the AAFCS Higher Education Unit and the Coordinating Council of Honor Societies. HEU Executive Committee members and representatives from the Coordinating Council of Honor Societies will review abstracts. The Higher Education Unit has dedicated funding to present stipends to selected participants who are able to attend the meeting. If determined in time to meet printing deadlines, names of participants will be placed in the AAFCS Conference & Exposition program.

Send an abstract of the student's research (1-2 page maximum) by **April 1, 2006** to:

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Include the following information:

- Title of Research Project
- Name of Student (include member number if an AAFCS member)
- Name and Title of Research Advisor(s)
- Institution
- Preferred Mailing Address
- E-Mail addresses of all authors
- Office, home, and fax numbers
- Abstract of Research Project (1-2 page maximum)

For additional information, contact Stephen R. Jorgensen (573) 882-6227 or e-mail at the address above.

POSTER PRESENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

Authors should place their poster on the pre-assigned easel prior to the session as scheduled and should remain in place during the entire time as designated.

The poster should be attended during the entire designated poster session at which time you can answer questions and expand on the material for interested visitors.

Focus

The poster display should focus on:

- Objectives or Hypotheses
- Methods
- Results and Discussion
- Summary or Conclusions

Corkboards

Presentation materials should be mounted on one-half of one side of a corkboard that is 4' high and 8' wide (i.e., each author will have a 4' x 4' area in which to mount presentation materials). The corkboards will be provided and will be set-up in the room where the session will take place; however, the author is responsible for bringing pushpins. You will be sharing one side of the corkboard with another author, so remember to *limit your presentation to a 4' x 4' area of the corkboard.*

Illustrations

Keep illustrative material simple. Illustrations must be readable from distances of about 2 feet. Charts, drawings, and illustrations should be similar to those you would use in making slides. The title should include the authors and institutions as they appear in the submitted abstract.

Other Preparation

This is an opportunity for informal discussion concerning your research. You may choose to provide a hand-out for distribution, but this is not a requirement.

Tips for Poster Presentations

Adapted from "Western Psychological Association Convention Instructions for Delivering Presentations." *Eye on Psi Chi*. Winter, 1998. 35,42.

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Poster presentations provide the opportunity for the presenter and the audience to talk with one another. A physical arrangement similar to an exhibit area is used for this interaction. Each presenter is provided with a space for display of the poster. During the designated period, the audience moves through the poster displays, stopping to interact with those who are presenting research that is of special interest to them. Thus, the interaction between the presenters and the audience is likely to be more meaningful than is typically the case in paper sessions. Therefore, when constructing your poster, remember to utilize the opportunities provided by this method of presentation.

Poster presentation recommendations:

1. Construct the poster to include the title, the author/s, affiliation/s, and a description of the research, highlighting the major elements that are covered in the abstract.
2. Minimize detail and try to use simple, jargon-free statements.
3. Remember that pictures, tables, and figures are amenable to poster display.
4. If you can, use color in your visuals.
5. Make sure lettering is neatly done and is large enough to be read from a distance, i.e., do not simply pin up a set of typed pages—reserve these for your handout.
6. Consider using a flow chart or some other method of providing the viewer with a guide to inspecting your display.
7. Don't overwhelm the viewer with excessive amounts of information; rather, construct a poster display that enhances conversation.
8. Be ready to pin up and take down your poster at specified times.
9. Be sure to bring thumbtacks with you.

Prepare to distribute copies of a printed version of your paper (about 25) with the details of the research and/or a sign-up sheet on which interested people can request the paper. Be sure to indicate on the paper your identification, the conference source reference, and whether or not it may be quoted.

It is an honor to have the opportunity to present at a research conference. You have an obligation to prepare a neat, well-organized display and to be present at your display for the entire poster session period. With a little thought and creativity, you can make your presentation a very pleasing one for both you and your audience.

http://www.kon.org/tips_poster.html

ANNOUNCEMENT– NAME CHANGE

The Department of Human Environment and Family Sciences at North Carolina A&T State University has a new name. It officially became the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences in Fall 2005. The chairperson of the department is Dr. Gladys Shelton. She can be reached at 336-334-7850 or at gshelton@ncat.edu.

Family & Consumer Sciences Taskforce for Program Advancement

The goal of the Family & Consumer Sciences Program Advancement Taskforce is to proactively and collaboratively strengthen FCS higher education programs. The Taskforce is working toward that goal in the following ways:

- Update the name change of the profession in various databases including ETS-GRE, NSSE, the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, etc.
- Update the database on program structures, accreditations, etc. to complement the FAEIS data on FCS programs
- Survey FCS administrators regarding criteria for success at their institutions – See page 1 for more details
- Provide leadership in response to the proposed AAFCS Future Search
- Submit manuscripts exploring FCS professional issues to FCSRJ
- Develop a website to include contact information for AAFCS leaders willing to consult with FCS programs regarding program advancement

Contact the following Taskforce participants for additional information with your questions, comments or suggestions regarding the Taskforce goal.

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