

AMC Extension Committee Conference Call Minutes
Monday, February 8, 2010

Participants on call:

* Marcia Ward	* Tom Anderson
* Loren Tusa	* Lee Raeth
* Nancy Schouweiler	* David Werner
* Jon Evert	

Commissioner Marcia Ward, committee chair, called the meeting to order. She asked David Werner, University of Minnesota Extension Chief Finance Officer to give a synopsis of the MOA proposal.

Mr. Werner said that University of Minnesota Extension is proposing a 0% MOA increase for 2011 if the University gives a 0% salary increase. The final decision has not been made yet on University staff salary increases. If the University gives up to a 2% increase the MOA price will mirror that increase.

In the scenario of a 0% salary increase at the University resulting in a 2011 MOA increase of 0%, the committee was informed that the University would still have to pay a fringe rate increase of between 1% and 3.1% depending on employee classification. Since this scenario has no increase in the MOA the fringe increase would need to be covered by Extension using other reallocated funds.

In the scenario of a University increase (up to 2%) and a corresponding MOA increase (up to 2%) the fringe rates would also increase on that corresponding salary increase. That increase would also be covered by Extension using reallocated funds.

Jon Evert felt this was a fair proposal and then offered that at a meeting last week he was told that President Bruininks very much wants to give a 2% salary increase but may well need to offset that with a 2 week furlough. It was asked if a furlough would impact the MOA positions and David Werner indicated that if a furlough occurs that it would be a distinct possibility it would impact MOA positions since they are University employees. After discussion by the group Commissioner Ward summarized for the group that a final decision would be made at the March Legislative Meeting (March 24-25).

The second item of business was discussion around Chair and Vice Chair candidates – Commissioner Ward was asked and agreed to have her name on the ballot for Chair. She said she would also ask Commissioner Reinhart if she would be willing to run as Vice Chair. If she chooses not to run then Commissioner Loren Tusa agreed to have his name submitted for Vice Chair. If there are other candidates interested in these positions please contact Toni Smith.

Commissioner Ward asked to have her name removed from the AMC 4-H Community Leadership Awards judging committee because of her link to one of the projects submitted from Winona County.

Meeting adjourned by Commissioner Ward.