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Plant Science Research Greenhouse (PSRG) Facility Faculty Oversight Committee Meeting April 15, 2024, 12:30 pm

Present: Hannah Burrack (ENT), Jeremy Johnson (FOR), Bjoern Hamberger (BMB), Thomas Goodwill (proxy for Linda Hanson, USDA), Cody Keilen (Growth Chamber Facility), Roberto Lopez (HRT), David Lowry (PLB), Carolyn Malmstrom (PLB), Eric Olson (PSM), Chrislyn Particka (PSRG, Director), Erik Runkle (HRT)(Co-Chair), Thomas Sharkey (BMB, PRL)(Co-Chair)
Absent: Mary Hausbeck (PSM)

Erik Runkle called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

The minutes from the February 15, 2024, meeting were approved.

The agenda for the meeting was approved.

A summary of the discussion about each agenda item is included below:

Approval of minutes and circulation to greenhouse users: Currently, meeting minutes are drafted and circulated to greenhouse users after Chrislyn, Erik, and Tom are in agreement that they are accurate, and it is not until the next committee meeting that the members approve them. Moving forward, meeting minutes will be approved via email by the committee prior to them being circulated to the greenhouse listserv.

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Irrigation system policy: A draft version of the policy was developed based on discussion during the previous committee meeting. It was circulated prior to the meeting for committee members to review. There was discussion about clarifying the purpose of the policy, that it does not apply to user-installed irrigation systems, and that users still may install irrigation systems if they wish. Committee members agreed that the terms outlined in the policy were appropriate. The updated draft of the policy will be circulated to committee members, along with the minutes, to approve via email.

Space subcommittee: No report.

State-funded greenhouse renovations and headhouse: Erik reported that the groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, April 12 was well-executed and attended. The messaging was that it was an exciting day and that while much work has been done already to plan the project, much work is still to be done. Erik, Tom, and Chrislyn informed the committee that subcontractor bids were much higher than projected, and thus, the scope of the project has been reduced. There was much discussion about the impact of the cuts and the need for additional funds to add back what had to be cut, and potential avenues to raise those funds. The committee recommended that Erik, Tom, and Chrislyn request a meeting with ABR/CANR and CNS leadership to discuss the situation.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.