

Kentucky Extension Advisory Council Meeting

March 1-2, 2022

Meeting Summary Points

- Kentucky State University administrative updates (Dean Kirk Pomper and Dr. Courtney Owens) showcased aquaponics research and outreach, construction of a poultry processing facility, continuation of the Third Thursday workshops, the small farm conference, funding awarded through the Center for Sustainability of Farms and Families, community resource development work with Frankfort businesses, and 4-H programming.
- University of Kentucky administrative updates (Dean Nancy Cox and Dr. Laura Stephenson) highlighted the implementation of the redesigned Extension administrative structure, agent and county staff hiring, programming response related to the COVID-19 pandemic, natural disaster response following historic flooding and devastating tornadoes, tornado impact at the Princeton Research and Education Center and the commitment to rebuild, and the expansion of campus collaborations.
- The council officers reviewed the new delegate structure and led a discussion activity for delegates focused on enhancing connections with county Extension councils. With each of Extension's twenty-four areas having representation, the goal is to ensure council area delegates are a conduit both from and to the county Extension councils.
- Dean Nancy Cox provided an overview of her role as the University of Kentucky Vice President for Land-grant Engagement and shared with the council a process that has been initiated to identify strategies and priorities for enhancing land-grant engagement.
- Gill Finley shared community engagement examples from Kentucky State University, including partnerships with the Small Business Development Centers, Louisville Latino Education Outreach, and the West Louisville education and wellness project.
- Kim Henken provided a brief overview of cross-campus engagement work at the University of Kentucky including Extension faculty positions in the School of Journalism and College of Design, long-standing partnership with the College of Fine Arts and Arts Extension, farm stress and rural mental health projects with the College of Nursing, collaborative research with the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion, the Winchester Design Studio, immunization and vaccine

education with the College of Pharmacy and Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences, and 4-H partnership with the Office of Enrollment Management.

- A panel presentation highlighted actions Kentucky Extension took in response to natural disasters, including flooding in central and eastern Kentucky and the December tornadoes in western Kentucky. Discussion focused on how Extension personnel supported farms, families and businesses impacted as well as the importance of preparedness education and ongoing recovery support.
- Program leaders from both Kentucky State University and University of Kentucky provided brief programmatic updates highlighting the work of agents, faculty, and specialists.
- The council business meeting addressed plans to establish two committees. One will review the bylaws and present any recommended amendments at the summer meeting. A second will discuss and plan virtual meetings/workshops to keep the council engaged and informed between the two in-person meetings held annually.
- Delegates were asked to share the call for nominations for the 2022 Randall Barnett County Extension Council Award. All counties are welcome to submit a nomination and the winning council will receive a plaque along with a \$500 monetary award. Additional information is available at <http://psd.ca.uky.edu/randallbarnett>.