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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 10:00 a.m. on January 20, 1998 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Dave Corbin (Excused)  
Senator Christine Downey (Excused)

Committee staff present: Raney Gilliland, Legislative Research Department  
Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes  
Nancy Kippes, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Dr. Marc Johnson, Director, Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service  
Dr. Dick Wootton, Associate Director, Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service

Others attending: See attached list

Senator Karr made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14 and January 15, 1998 meetings as submitted. Senator Clark seconded. Motion carried.

Dr. Marc Johnson, Director, Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service, and Dr. Dick Wootton, Associate Director, summarized how Kansas State University had reached the point of implementing the Five Year Plan. A booklet "What the Future Holds, Five-Year Work Plan" is on file in the Research Department for reference. Dr. Johnson stated they set up 31 focus groups, established public policy forums, made random telephone surveys and conducted a state leaders' meeting to learn more about the Extension Service and the Experiment Station and how the public viewed their work. After this work was completed and problems and questions identified, the two organizations were merged.

Next, the areas of most importance to the clientele were identified and those areas were grouped into the Four Core Mission Themes: 1) Youth, Family, and Community Development; 2) Food, Nutrition, Health, and Safety; 3) Natural Resources and Environmental Management; and 4) Agricultural Industry Competitiveness. To create the Work Plan there was a survey and input meetings with clientele statewide and employees were asked for ideas. The end result is a series of Issues, Vision Statements, and Anticipated Outcomes under each of the Four Core Mission Themes. Teams are now being created to implement projects that will include personnel from both research and extension. New methods are being built in to measure the impact and success of what is done.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 1998.

# SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
Dennis Gros, Intern	Sen Huelskamp
Kerri Ebert	Kansas Dairy Association
Rich McKee	KCA
Sarah Kessinger	Harris News Service
Steven Graham	K-State Research + Extension