POLICY AND GUIDELINES MEMORANDUM

To: Unit Manager, DECAFLES/LES

From: C. J. Seiffert

Re: Standing Committee on Farm Operations

Date: March 30, 1996

Per the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Farm Operations by memorandum of March 25, 1996 (attached), the operating charge for the Committee has been approved as submitted. This PMGM with the attached memorandum should become a part of the Agricultural Experiment Station section of the PMGS Notebook.

xc: Dr. Milo Shult
    Dr. Greg Weidemann
    Dr. Tim Kring, Chair
    Committee
DATE: March 25, 1996

TO: C. J. Scribner, Asst. Vice President for Agriculture, Research
    G. Waldren, Asst. Director

FROM: Standing Committee on Farm Operations, T. J. Keung, Chair

RE: Recommendation of name for the “Farm”

The Standing Committee on Farm Operations met on March 12 to consider various names for the Farm. A list of names was generated from various sources prior to the meeting and individuals in numerous units were polled relative to preferences. These names, and additional names from the floor were considered and discussed. These names, in “size” order included:

Main Agricultural Research Complex
Northwest Agricultural Research Park
Arkansas Agricultural Research Center
Main Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station
Northwest Arkansas Agricultural Research Center
University of Arkansas Agricultural Research Park
Northwest Arkansas Research and Extension Center
Arkansas Agricultural Research and Extension Center
Arkansas Agricultural Research and Teaching Center
Arkansas Agricultural Research and Development Complex
Main Arkansas Agricultural Research and Extension Center

Many variations of these names (interchanging the terms Park, Center, Complex, Teaching, Extension, Education, etc.) were bandied about. The committee felt strongly that: (1) a clear distinction from the existing “Research and Extension Centers” was highly desirable, (2) because the facility does not have a regional charge, as do other centers, a regional designation like “Northwest” should be avoided, (3) there is a need to maintain an identity unique from the University, and (4) because of the various “Centers” designated within the Division, the term “Complex” would avoid confusion with these Centers. In the end, the committee voted (nearly unanimously) to forward one name to you for consideration. Therefore, the Standing Committee on Farm Operations recommends that the Main Agricultural Research Complex be considered for use as the name for the remote Division facilities in Fayetteville. We appreciate your request for input in this matter.
MARCH 23, 1996

TO:  C. J. Siefos, Associate Vice President for Agriculture, Research
     G. Wildeman, Associate Director

FROM: Standing Committee on Farm Operations, T. J. Kring, Chair

RE:  Formal Charge

Below is our vision of the formal charge for this committee. The formal is consistent with that used by the university for its committees (Faculty Handbook). Following the formal charge is an outline of the issues which need to be addressed by the committee, although the order in which we should handle this issues has not been set. Please contact me if you have any concerns relative to the charge, or have an opinion relative to priority setting. Thank you.

Standing Committee on Farm Operations
(Chaired by the Associate Vice President for Agriculture/Research)

The Committee will recommend policies concerning use of experiment station land and facilities in order to promote the efficient use of resources and to assure the safety of employees and general public. It shall consider placement of buildings and additions to the farm and shall make recommendations concerning location of all new structures or additions. It shall serve to enhance interdepartmental communication and resolve conflicts relative to operations at the farm.

Membership consists of representatives from each unit within the Division, a representative of the Experiment Station Engineer, and an ex-officio, the Associate Director of the Experiment Station.

The current committee includes:

R. Barnes (FDSC)  B. Chapman (POSC)  A. Iberall (HORT)
H. Feaster (FCS)  T. Moore (HORT)  R. Moor (POSC)
T. Moreau (HGT)  T. Oliver (AGRN)  J. Peake (ANSW)
R. Rags (PLPA)  G. Skinner (AGRN)  J. Walker (BANO)
G. Wildeman, Associate Director, ex officio
T. Kring (RNPO), Chair
Current issues under consideration by the committee:

1. Development of standing policies for the Experiment Station
   a. Residences (all phases: rents, maintenance, appearance)
   b. Long-range development plan (zoning plan: Ellott)
   c. "Temporary" or Storage Buildings: Types and placement

2. Facility placement/development
   a. Major Facilities
      Animal Science Arena (Equine Center)
      Greenhouse complex
      Tracks
      Athletic Department
      City of Fayetteville
   b. Minor Facilities
      Relocation of plastic greenhouses on campus
      Nematology greenhouse relocation
      Pesticide storage facility(ies)

3. Resolve and/or refer Ad-hoc Inter-departmental issues
   a. Security