

RESOLUTION OPPOSING TRANSFER OF UW LIVESTOCK FACILITIES AND LIVESTOCK FROM DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCE TO AGRICULTURE EXPERIMENT STATION

WHEREAS the University of Wyoming was formed as a “land grant university”, which was created by passage of the Morrill Act by Congress in 1862, with the specific mission, as set forth in the 1862 Act, “to focus on the teaching of agriculture, science and engineering as a response to the industrial revolution and changing social class rather than higher education's historic core of classical studies”; and,

WHEREAS the University of Wyoming continues to hold the designation as a land grant university with a mission and purpose to teach and educate on and about agriculture through the various basic disciplines, including an outreach mission to ranchers and farmers as defined by the 1914 Smith-Lever Act; and,

WHEREAS the University of Wyoming’s College of Agriculture, and in particular the Department of Animal Science, have been of tremendous importance to the Wyoming Wool Growers Association over its 107 year history, both historically as well as presently, and continuation of a strong, viable and effective Animal Science Department and program is of crucial importance to the WWGA and the Wyoming sheep industry; and,

WHEREAS the current administration of the UW College of Agriculture has proposed to remove, and transfer away, from the Department of Animal Science the current livestock farms, all the livestock and all the livestock facilities and place them within the UW Agricultural Experiment Station; and,

WHEREAS while the UW College of Agriculture and the UW Agriculture Experiment Station have given verbal assurances that no harm will come to either the Department of Animal Science or to the relationship between cooperators and supporters of the Department such as the WWGA, there clearly exists the potential that this proposal may seriously and negatively impact the UW Department of Animal Science and its core mission of education, outreach and research without any demonstrated benefit; and,

WHEREAS a commitment and promise was made to the WWGA and the Wyoming sheep industry when the Archer Research Station in Cheyenne and the Torrington Research facility were closed in the 1990’s that a meaningful and industry-serving sheep program would be integral to the SAREC facility, and as of this date no such program has been implemented or even suggested;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Wool Growers Association is adamantly and strongly opposed to the proposed transfer of the current livestock farms, all the livestock and all the livestock teaching and research facilities and place them within the UW Agricultural Experiment Station; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wyoming Wool Growers Association calls upon the College of Agriculture to abandon this proposal and leave all of the livestock facilities and livestock currently under the purview of the Department of Animal Science with the Department; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the WWGA calls upon the UW College of Agriculture, UW President Tom Buchanan and the UW Board of Trustees to live up to the promises and commitments made to the WWGA, the Wyoming sheep industry and the Wyoming Legislature by fully developing and implementing a meaningful, integrated, functional, and industry-based and endorsed sheep research and education program at the SAREC facility; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that, should the UW College of Agriculture fail to agree to abandon its plans to remove the livestock farms, the livestock teaching and research facilities, and the livestock currently under the purview of the Department of Animal Science, the Wyoming Wool Growers Association calls upon UW President Tom Buchanan and the UW Board of Trustees to exert their authority and abilities to block this proposed transfer and direct the College of Agriculture to continue the status quo as regards the livestock facilities and livestock within and under the purview of the UW Department of Animal Science.


Adopted UNANIMOUSLY this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010 in Douglas, WY

Signed,



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Gene Hardy  
President



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Bruce R. Reece  
Executive Vice President