First NCTA dean candidate visit is March 11

CURTIS, Neb. – Larry A. Gossen, Ph.D., a candidate being considered as the new Dean of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture will visit Curtis on Wednesday for a seminar and public reception.

Dr. Gossen currently is a State FFA Advisor with the Nebraska Department of Education, and is based in Lincoln. His career in agriculture education and FFA organizations spans over 40 years in Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Nebraska.

The NCTA interview schedule for three candidate finalists was announced Monday by the NCTA Dean Search Committee, led by Dr. Tiffany Heng-Moss, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Dr. Gossen will meet with NCTA students, faculty, staff, alumni and stakeholders during a series of meetings over March 10-12.

He will present a campus seminar from 3:45 to 5 p.m. on March 11 in the auditorium of the Nebraska Agriculture Industry Education Center, Siminoe Drive and University Road.

A campus and community reception for Dr. Gossen will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Ed Center.

Additionally, two other finalists for NCTA Dean will visit Curtis March 15-17 and March 18-20, respectively. Similar community events are being planned with Drs. Clyde Cranwell and Darrel Sandall.

Other details are available at https://ncta.unl.edu/meet-dean-candidates.

The NCTA Dean Search was launched in December 2019, following the retirement of Dr. Ron Rosati last August.

Dr. Kelly Bruns is the interim dean. He also is director of UNL’s West Central Research and Extension Center based in North Platte where he oversees a 24-county region in southwest Nebraska.

NCTA is a part of the University of Nebraska system. NCTA emphasizes workforce development in agriculture, agribusiness and veterinary technology. Students can earn associate degrees, certificates and other credentials. For details, see ncta.unl.edu.

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