

MINUTES
Departmental Meeting
Thursday, August 22, 8:30 a.m.
129 AGLS

1. 8:30 - 8:50 Welcome/Announcements/Bus Recognition Elliot
See Attachment A
Dr. Murphy asked each graduate assistant to stand, introduce themselves and tell us a little about themselves.

Kevin Andrews announced that AGSS would host a Welcome Back Cookout at the Elliots on Friday, October 4th. ALEC will provide the burgers and beverages. Attendees are asked to sign up to bring a side dish. Signup sheets will be posted in a week or two. Volunteers will be needed for both setup and cleanup.

Tracy Rutherford announced that Christine Arnold 's last day with ALEC would be Friday the 30th of August. She and Felix are moving to Indiana where Felix has accepted a position as Assistant Director for Transformational Education and Academic Excellence in the College of Agriculture at Purdue University. Her position will be posted and filled as quickly as possible.

Dr. Elliot introduced Dr. Sevtap Gumus who has joined us on sabbatical from EGE University in Turkey. She will be here for a year and is focused on "changing demands of agriculture and opportunities in increasing the income level of youth population through agricultural value chain analysis."

Dr. Murphy introduced J. P. Hancock. He will assist as an Agricultural STEM Laboratory Instructor. JP is a retired agricultural science teacher from Rudder High School and previously taught over twenty years at Sealy high school. Comes to us as a very experienced ag mech person.

Congratulations:

- Dr. Jen Williams. It was just announced that she is the recipient of not only the Montague Center for Teaching Excellence Award but also the AFS College-Level Teaching Award.
- Dr. Pina will receive the 2013 College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Dean's outstanding achievement Award for Diversity along with Carlos Gonzalez on September 12th.
- Dr. Lori Moore will receive tenure and be promoted to Associate Professor on September 1st.
- Drs. Moore and Rayfield have been recognized with Honorary American FFA degrees. Dr. Mazurkiewicz received the Honorary Texas State FFA degree.

- ACT – 7 students attended the 2013 Ag Media Summit where Jennifer Enocksen was elected as National ACT 2nd Vice President and Mollie Lastovica received two awards.

AAAE Award Recipients:

- Drs. Rayfield and Moore and Kate Wooten received the Outstanding Research Paper.
- Drs. Rayfield and Hanagriff and Will Doss received the research paper award.
- Drs. Rayfield and Hanagriff and Lindsey Latham for Innovation Poster.

AIAEE Award Recipients:

- Dr. Strong for Early Achievement
- Dr. Lindner for Outstanding Leadership
- Drs. Lindner and Murphrey as Fellows
- Dr. Briers as Senior Fellow

Summer Odom reported that she had used IMS to print course packets. She was really pleased with the final product. They are fast and efficient.

Bill Cochran was recognized for his work in the college receiving one of the highest IT audit scores in recent system history.

Mark your calendars. ALEC Advisory boards (Internal and Development) Kick-off event on October 18th from 2 to 7 in 129 AGLS. There will be a dry run of the program at the departmental meeting on October 9th.

Dr. Elliot reminded faculty that the deadline to submit consulting forms is September 1st. Faculty can apply for and receive up to 20 days a year for activities outside of their normal position.

Mark your calendars. Mary Seely, former director of Gobabeb Desert Research and Training Center will present a Borlaug Seminar on October 25th.

Salary letters will be available next Tuesday. Raises that were awarded were not in the 4% range as the President alluded to. From the 4% he mentioned the college kept one percent plus – leaving the departments with at most 2.4ish to work with.

Busses were distributed as follows:

Support Staff to Dr. Gumus
Ho to work study
Baldwin to King
Larke to Fulton

2. 8:50 - 9:05 Alumni Relations Baldwin

See Attachment B

Ambrya went over the form used to request gift items.

Goals and Initiatives. Will be an agenda item at Microburst meetings. Should be ready for the October meeting. Lots of room for comments or suggestions.

3. 9:05 - 9:20 Study Abroad Updates (Status FY '13, Plans FY '14) Strong/Harlin/Williams Elbert/Dooley Wingenbach/Redwine

Drs. Strong, Williams and Harlin reported on the Costa Rica SA. The 2014 roster filled in three days with 14 students. The trip will be December 28th through January 11th. There are two graduate student spots left. This is a great campus with great staff.

Drs. Dooley and Elbert reported on the Greece SA. They were on the Greece campus for two weeks and stayed at the American Farm School. The next trip will be June 19th through July 2nd, 2014..

Dr. Wingenbach and Mr. Redwine reported on the Namibia SA. Tobin showed a loop of pictures taken while on the trip. Worked at the Desert Research Center and World Heritage Site. Seven students were on the trip. 437 photos were submitted as part of the World Heritage Site Photo Archive of their desert flora and fauna. They visited 14 unique sites, 3 ecosystems, and 2 campuses. The SA in 2014 will involve a partnership with Prairie View A&M – ten students from that campus and ten from the College Station campus. This recent trip will be showcased on September 6th in AGLS 200.

Dr. Lindner reported on the Trinidad/Tabago SA. Small group of four – University of Florida with Amy Harder and Grady Roberts.

Dr. Rutherford reported that \$45,000 was awarded in scholarship last year.

Dr. Dooley noted that the cycle for funding proposals has a deadline of October 1.

4. 9:20 - 9:25 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Dunsford

Group meets monthly. Approved three 489 courses over the summer:

- ALED 489 – Special Topics in Followers and Followership (Dr. Moore)
- ALEC 489 – Special Topics in Applying International Development Theories in Agriculture (Dr. Wingenbach)
- AGSC 489 – Special Topics in Managing Safety in the Agricultural Science Program (Dr. Murphy)

All four undergraduate majors are completing required core curriculum adjustments to match the university's new requirements.

- Going from 8 hour to 9 hours of science and no tiered science requirement
- Removing both KINE courses

- Placing the one additional hour from the removed KINE courses into the curriculum

5. 9:25 - 9:35 Web Committee Cochran/Redwine
Audits passed (pen test, Deloitte, system IT) Ag college is being talked about as an example of how to do IT at TAMU. Isaac compliance report is due this fall. Removing ssn content in email archives is an issue. Encryption software is being reviewed.

Moving ALEC servers to Ag College virtualization system. Still trying to get system level identity...please help us by talking about this as much as possible.

New website still coming...no official word from ag comm about new dept template.

Updating content and making sure the move to the new website results in an effective site for current students, faculty, parents, former students, research partners, the public in general, and the people who might become our students.

6. 9:35 - 10:00 Internships Abroad – Planned: FY 2014 (Haiti) Piña, Lindner, Briers
Long term effort in Haiti with two credible agencies: FISH at Christianville (90 acres) and Live Beyond (40 acres).

This opportunity has come about as a result of previous experience and connections by Graduate Student Emily Perdue who has been assisting with the development of a vocational agriculture curriculum with F.I.S.H. Ministries of the Kore Foundation at their Christianville 90-acre campus, some 18 miles west of Port-au-Prince. <http://www.christianvillehaiti.org/FISHMinistries.aspx> The director of this effort, Mr. Edsel Redden and his wife, Jayne, visited ALEC 645 this last spring and shared with us their vision for a long-term relationship that focuses on “development of a vocational agriculture curriculum that improves diets and nutrition in the short-term and marketing of food products locally, regionally, and for export in the long-term.” A possible way to do this, we think, is by training not only youth at the school at Christianville, but also school teachers who teach in rural areas. Perhaps, this could lead to a nationally-approved curriculum!

Other faculty and graduate students who have shown interest in this effort and have already shared ideas include: Drs. Elliot, Edney, Williams, Harlin, Elbert, Lindner, and Hanagriff and Graduate Students Emily Perdue and Matt Black, who have been helping us prepare for the visit and Alecia Macmanus who just came back from there. Anna Mcgucken has also been there this summer. Furthermore, David Vanderpool’s parents have moved there to develop a similar effort and have expressed similar interests.

Drs Briers and Lindner will travel to Haiti on September 6th for a week. They will visit with the Vanderpools and Live Beyond to explore their needs. By mid-semester there should be a plan of work for the spring. Haiti is the poorest country in the hemisphere with a 70% unemployment rate and the median age being 24.

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| 7. | 10:00 - 10:30 | Faculty Meeting
P&T Update
Teaching Required Classes FY '15 | Elliot
Wingenbach/Larke
Murphy/Rutherford |
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Travel Request Form Deadlines

Domestic (30 days prior to trip): e.g., travel September 1, 2013 due by August 1, 2013
International (60 days prior to trip): e.g., travel October 1, 2013 due by August, 2013

Upcoming Events

September 12, 3:00, COALS Awards Ceremony
September 23-27, Western Region AAAE, Lubbock
October 6, 6:00 pm, ASS Welcome Back Cookout at the Elliots
October 18, ALEC Kickoff
October 25, Mary Seely Borlaug Seminar
October 28-31, National FFA Convention
November 7, 3:00 p.m., ALEC Distinguished Lecture, Dr. Gary E. Briers
December 23-January 1, Christmas/New Year's

Future Departmental Meetings

Thursday, September 12 @ 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 9th @ 2:00 p.m.
Friday, November 15 @ 11:30 to 2 p.m. (Lunch provided)
Tuesday, December 10 @ 2:00 p.m.

ALEC: August 22, 2013

“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” African Proverb

1. Congratulations, Thank You, and Welcome:
 - a. **Dr. Sevtap Gumus** from EGE University, Turkey.
 - b. **Jay P. Hancock**, Agricultural STEM Laboratory Instructor.
 - c. **Dr. Jen Williams** Montague Center for Teaching Excellence Award and AFS College-Level Teaching Award.
 - d. **Dr. Piña** will receive the 2013 College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Dean's Outstanding Achievement Award for Diversity along with Carlos Gonzalez on September 12th.
 - e. **Dr. Moore's** tenure and promotion to associate professor is effective 9/1/3.
 - f. AAAE Awards
 - i. **Drs. Rayfield** and **Moore**, and **Kate Wooten** AAAE Outstanding Research Paper.
 - ii. **Drs Rayfield** and **Hanagriff** and **Will Doss** Research Poster.
 - iii. **Drs. Rayfield** and **Hanagriff** and **Lindsey Latham** Innovation Poster.
 - g. **Dr. Odom** Program of Exemplary Mentoring (PEM) in Sloan's Minority Ph.D. Program.
 - h. **Drs. Moore** and **Rayfield** Honorary American FFA Degree.
 - i. **Dr. Mazurkiewicz** Honorary Texas State FFA Degree.
 - j. ACT
 - i. 7 students attended the 2013 Ag Media Summit
 - ii. **Jennifer Enocksen** was elected as National ACT 2nd Vice President
 - iii. **Mollie Lastovica** received two awards in the ACT Critique & Contest: 2nd place Public relations division, News release; 3rd place Writing Division, Short feature personality profile.
 - k. AIAEE 2013 Award Winners
 - i. Early Achievement: **Dr. Strong**
 - ii. Outstanding Leadership: **Dr. Lindner**
 - iii. Fellows: **Drs. Lindner** and **Murphrey**
 - iv. Sr. Fellow: **Dr. Briers**
 - l. **Drs. Briers** and **Wingenbach** college representatives to the university initiative “Strengthening Democracy.”
 - m. **Tobin Redwine** was awarded a USC Staff Scholarship.
 - n. **Tobin Redwine** won 2nd place at the inaugural NACTA graduate student poster contest at Virginia Tech. Effective Communication Strategies Outside the Classroom: A Case Study. **Redwine, T. D., Arnold, C., Lockett, L. L., & Rutherford, T.**
 - o. **Annie Specht** was awarded a NACTA Graduate Teaching award at the 2013 conference.
 - p. **Dr. Lockett** and **Tobin Redwine** have been accepted to present at the UTSA Advising conference in October. Engaging and Empowering Students Through a Paradigm Shift in Degree Plans and Advising.
 - q. The 2012 Namibia Study Abroad students played a key role in aiding the Gobabeb Desert Research Centre in being named as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. The 2013 group submitted an image repository of 437 images to start the **Desert Biota Archives** for the Centre.
 - r. The 2012 Namibia group worked to create informational posters for the Cheetah Conservation Fund. Those posters are on display at the center and were viewed by approximately 5000 visitors since last summer. The 2013 group is putting together a photo repository to be used in marketing and communication efforts for the CCF.
 - s. AGCJ offered the first Natural Resource Photography course as a May intercession course. 12 students and three instructors traveled around the state of Texas, visiting two national parks, two state parks, and other scenic areas of Texas. Students presented their images in a public showcase in June.
 - t. **Bill Cochran** was instrumental in the college receiving one of the highest IT audit scores in recent TAMU system history. “... AgriLife should be recognized as an example for how IT operations should be performed within the TAMU system...”.
 - u. **Chris Bielecki** Farmer-to-Farmer ACDI/VOCA project in Ghana.
 - v. **Rachel Bedinger** 2013-14 class of Undergraduate Research Scholars.
 - w. **Samantha Alvis** Leland Hunger Fellowship APLU/iAgri Placement - Tanzania and DC.
2. Announcements
 - a. **October 4** Friday 6:00 p.m. AGSS fall welcome event (with dinner) at the Elliots.
 - b. **October 18** 2-7 p.m. ALEC Advisory Boards (Internal and Development) Kick-Off-Event, AGLS 129. Dry run presentations by each major and Extension **October 9** as part of our Department Meeting.
 - c. All consulting forms due before **September 1, 2013**.

- d. **October 25.** Mary Seely, former director Gobabeb Desert Research and Training Center will present a Borlaug Seminar. UNESCO World Heritage Site for the Namib Sand Sea (with assistance fro TAMU students).
 - e. **FY 2014 Financial Conflict of Interest Disclosure.** TAMUS Regulation 15.01.03 in regards to Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI). The system regulation now requires your FCOI disclosure to be made within Maestro rather than the paper form used last year. This **MUST be done in Maestro prior to August 24th in order to be in compliance.** All sponsored project accounts will be frozen by SRS on August 31st.
 - f. AgriLife Advanced Leaders Program will be announcing cohort 3 next month with an application deadline November 8.
 - g. Faculty Development Leave deadlines November 8. See me if you are interested.
 - h. AGLS 131 converted to a larger sound room.
 - i. **Tobin Redwine** put his Hepatitis B vaccination to good use when he ate a mapane worm in Namibia.
3. Publications/Presentations
- a. **Robert Strong, Sarah P. Ho, Summer F. Odom, Travis L. Irby.** (2013). A Course Focused on the Critical Issues in Agriculture: Students' Acceptance and Use of Mobile Learning, NACTA Journal.
 - b. **Leggette, H. R., Black, C., McKim, B. R., Prince, D., & Lawrence, S.** (Accepted). An intrinsic case study of a post-secondary high-impact field study experience. NACTA Journal.
 - c. **Nyambi, G.N., Shinn, G.C., & Briers, G.E.** (2013). Examining a national agricultural extension and advisory system: A case study of the North West and South West regions of Cameroon. The Asian International Journal of Life Sciences. (9) 1-13.
 - d. **Shinn, G. C.** (2013). Higher education priorities and direction for agriculture, natural resources, and environmental sciences: viewpoints from South Sudan. Prepared for Catholic University-Wau, John Garang Memorial University of Science and Technology, and the University of Juba. Produced for review by the United States Agency for International Development.
 - e. **Tiemann, J., Garbee, K., & Shinn, G.** (2013) Using applied research to guide program innovation. The Agricultural Education Magazine. 85(6) 25-28. May-June.
 - f. American Evaluation Association Evaluation 2013 Conference, October 16-19, Washington, DC. An Evaluation of an Extension Accountability and Reporting System in Texas. **Kevin Andrews** and **Dr. Cummings.**
 - g. American Planning Association, Texas Chapter 2013 Conference, October 2-5, Galveston, TX. An Introduction to Texas Target Cities. Shannon Van Zandt, Walter Peacock, John Cooper, Jaimie Hicks Masterson, and **Kevin Andrews.**
 - h. **Kevin Andrews** has been invited to join Texas Sea Grant for the Texas Coastal Citizen Planner Program, funded by a \$100,000 grant from Mississippi Alabama Sea Grant Consortium, and will be delivering urban planning education to locally elected and appointed officials along the Texas Gulf Coast this fall.
 - i. Program Leadership Network Joint Meeting, August 19-23, Nashville, TN. Analyzing and Visualizing Data and Infographics. **Dr. Cummings.**
 - j. "Developing a Study Abroad Peer Advisor Program: Start-Up to Lessons Learned" accepted for the NAFSA Region III conference in Rogers, Arkansas on Oct. 21-24. **Cathryn Clement,** Mara Iverson from the Study Abroad Office, and **Jessica Guerra,** a senior ALEC student who's also the program coordinator for Ambassadors & Mentors for Study Abroad.
 - k. Jasper County Judge Mark Allen, **Dr. Rick Avery** and **Dr. Chris Boleman** presented an educational workshop as part of the National Association of Counties' annual conference in July. Their workshop was entitled: The great divide: The difference between leadership and management.
 - l. **Deb Dunsford** and **Doug Starr.** Working The Story: A Guide to Reporting and News Writing for Journalists and Public Relations Professionals. Rowman and Littlefield Publishers Inc.
4. Funded proposals:
- a. **Drs. Wingenbach** and **Rutherford,** and **Tobin Redwine** for a 3-year Higher Education Challenge Grant to work with Prairie View, UNAM, DRFN, and TAMU on diversity awareness through study abroad in Namibia.
 - b. **Drs. Edney, Moore, Rayfield, Harlin,** etc. for ~\$290,000 TEA grant.
 - c. Proposals in process:
 - i. Haitian Vocational Ag. Education Project - Drs. **Piña, Lindner,** and **Briers.**
 - ii. Neuhaus-Shepardson: **Drs. Briers, Edney, Larke (?),** and **Lindner** all funded.
5. Dutch treat lunch with Dr. E. - Contact Debbie King to schedule and leave a contact number (for rescheduling): August 26, 27, 28, 29; September 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 30; October 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28; November 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22; December 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20.

Internal Advisory Board

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| 1. Dr. Galen Chandler | 7. Dr. Katie Rosenbusch |
| 2. Dr. Chester Fehlis | 8. Mrs. Cindy Schnuriger |
| 3. Dr. Steve Johnson | 9. |
| 4. Mrs. Dan'l Almy | 10. |
| 5. Dr. Ruben Saldana | 11. |
| 6. Mr. Corey Rosenbusch | 12. |

Development Advisory Board

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| 1. Mr. Tom Curl | 7. |
| 2. Mr. Leroy Schafer | 8. |
| 3. Mr. Kelly Tidwell | 9. |
| 4. Mr. Marcus Hill | 10. |
| 5. Dr. Wynn Rosser | 11. |
| 6. Mr. Bucky Lamb | 12. |

Internal Advisory Board

Responsibilities & Expectations

Members agree to:

- Attend annual board meeting and other meetings as necessary
- Assess the Department's academic strategy and prioritize department needs
- Work with faculty within a major departmental program area when appropriate
- Identify new ways to connect with potential students
- Provide insight into new curriculum content to reflect real-world needs
- Locate new and beneficial internship opportunities for students
- Attend meetings to the fullest extent possible
- Physical presence at meetings may be substituted via electronic communications except when actual presence is deemed necessary

Development Advisory Board

Responsibilities & Expectations

Members agree to:

- Attend quarterly meetings
 - Meet in person at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters
 - Meet via electronic communications twice a year
- Attend meetings with donor prospects and departmental events, when appropriate
- Assess the Department's development strategy and prioritize department needs
- Help identify donor prospects and introduce them to the institution
- Cultivate prospects by attending events and important meetings
- Support stewardship activities
- Network with donors, current and prospective, former students, and other external connections to build the Department's network
- Members agree to attend meetings to the fullest extent possible
- Physical presence at meetings may be substituted via electronic communications except when actual presence is deemed necessary

ALEC ADVISORY BOARDS

Kick-Off Event

October 18, 2013 | 2:00pm - 7:00pm | AGLS 129

FRIDAY BREAK-OUT SESSION

Join us for our first official board meeting and help us develop a winning game plan for ALEC.

FRIDAY TOUR & DINNER

Tour the building and enjoy dinner with your fellow board members. Guests are welcome!

SATURDAY

Enjoy the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Annual Tailgate for the Texas A&M vs. Auburn game.



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