

MINUTES
Departmental Meeting
Wednesday, May 7th
Breakfast – 7:45 to 8:30
Meeting – 8:30 to 10
129 AGLS

1. Before Search Committee Update Dunsford

Dr. Dunsford reported that there would be one candidate interviewing for the AGCJ position. Four offers of an interview were made – but three applicants had already accepted other positions. Very intense – with the new Dean of Faculties rules. Dr. Elliot verified with the Dean and DOF that this search could continue and because the committee followed all of the proper procedures, continuation was approved. An itinerary will be coming out soon for the one candidate’s interview.

Dr. Elliot thanked Dr. Dunsford and her committee for this endeavor.

See Attachment A. Fourth building has been approved, four floors with fifth as an option. We need to nail down what Dr. Dugas needs to go from 4 to 5 floors.

We have received a \$16,000 scholarship from Rodeo Austin. Top priority for award is need.

Dr. Murano has been named Director of the Borlaug Institute.

Current budget news is that merit raises of 3% will be available. 2% from the University and 1% from the College.

Price, Waterhouse, Cooper report will be made public in the near future. Don’t over react. Report addresses positions that are above the departmental level. Vacant positions will be unfilled above the departmental level. There is mention of Collaborating Centers – which is ultimately shared services. Unveiled savings. Concern about sweeping of accounts.

Numbers for Study Abroad and HIE trips are out of the park with enrollment.

Selection of work group leaders for the next three year terms is upon us. Groups need to come together and come up with a plan for years in role, how selected, etc. Input needed by

May 16th. It will be expected that reports will be presented at all future departmental meetings.

Reminder that Tanya is your resource person for RFP's. She can help you navigate through the system.

Dr. Pina reported that his 646 class recently traveled to DC on an international research trip. Six students attended. They have compiled a directory with over 250 entries of possible agencies to work with. They visited 12-13 different organizations as they represented ALEC and TAMU.

Buses were distributed as follows:

Larke to Rutherford
Wilkerson to Elliot
Miller to Leggette

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| 2. | 8:30 – 8:35 | Special Presentations | Rutherford |
| | | <p>Dr. Rutherford announced three NACTA Teaching and Leadership Awards. Dr. Jen Williams received the NACTA Teaching Award of Merit. Tobin Redwine and Sarah Ho received the NACTA Teaching and Leadership Award for Graduate Student Teaching.</p> | |
| 3. | 8:35 – 8:45 | Welcome/Announcements/Bus Recognition | Elliot |
| | | <p>Dr. Shinn introduced the visiting scientists from India with the National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Ministry of Agriculture. They are Dr. D. Thammi Raju, Dr. P. Ramesh, and Dr. Surya Rathore. Drs. Raju and Ramesh are in 235 and Dr. Rathore is in 228. Their instruction for the most part will be in 266.</p> <p>New addition to ALEC. Dr. Darrell Dromgoole will be adloc'ed to us starting June 1st. His duties as Program Director will be to enhance Extension recruiting, and to supervise the VGYI and TALL units. He will be located in 5180. Dr. Dromgoole will also serve as Associate Department Head for Extension Strategic Partnerships and Engagement (ESPE).</p> | |
| 4. | 8:45 – 8:55 | Undergraduate Report | Rutherford |
| | | <p>Senior grades are due by 6 tomorrow. All others due by Noon on Monday.</p> | |

200-250 graduating (undergraduate).

100 new freshmen – largest freshman class.

Minors – 5 international development and 20 leadership.

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| 5. | 8:55 – 9:05 | Graduate Report | Fulton |
| | | See Attachment B | |
| | | Dr. Briers introduced Juan Whiting who is interested in a starting a master's degree with us. Juan is from Utah. | |
| 6. | 9:05 – 9:15 | Social Media/Web Updates | Cochran/Redwine |
| | | See attachments B, C, and D. | |
| | | Hannah reported that there are 1062 followers now. | |
| | | Google apps for education. | |
| | | Some links broken – verify. | |
| 7. | 9:15 – 9:20 | Alumni Relations/Development Initiatives | Elliot |
| | | Faculty and staff encouraged to attend a meeting on June 2 at 8:00 in 200 AGLS. Both the internal and development committees will be meeting to discuss our Grand Vision Strategy. Dr. Bill Dugas will be in attendance. | |
| 8. | 9:20 -- 10:00 | Faculty Meeting | Elliot |

Travel Request Form Deadlines

Domestic (30 days prior to trip): e.g., travel June 1, 2014 due by May 1, 2014
International (60 days prior to trip): e.g., travel July 1, 2014 due by May 1, 2014

Upcoming Events

May 20-23, National AAAE. Snowbird, UT (Abstracts/posters due by February 28)
June 25-28 NACTA, Montana State University, Bozeman, (Abstracts due March 20)
July 13-16 ALE, San Antonio, (Proposals due March 2)
Monday, September 1st, First Day of Fall Classes

Future Departmental Meetings

Wednesday, August 27th at 10:00 a.m. (Lunch provided at 11:30)
Monday, September 15th at 8:15 a.m.*
Monday, October 20th at 8:15 a.m.*
Monday, November 17th at 8:15 a.m.*

ALEC: May 7, 2014

1. Congratulation, Announcements, and Thank You:
 - a. **Eli Redwine** at 4 minutes old on May 5 heard his dad play harmonica blues to him (Shanna was still awake at this point). At 45 minutes old, his dad dipped his feet in some dirt from his grandfather's farm, so the first land Eli set foot on was the same land his family had worked for 3 generations.
 - b. Welcome to visiting scientists from the National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad, India:
 - i. Dr. **D. Thammi Raju**, Professor & Principal Scientist, Education Systems Management
 - ii. Dr. **P. Ramesh**, Professor and Principal Scientist, Education Systems Management
 - iii. Dr. **Surya Rathore**, Principal Scientist, Education Systems Management
 - c. Dr. **Williams** as a NACTA Teaching Award of Merit.
 - d. **Tobin Redwine** and **Sarah Ho** as NACTA Teaching and Leadership Awards for Graduate Student Teaching.
 - e. Drs. **Rutherford** and **Shinn** as AIAEE Fellows.
 - f. **Tobin Redwine** High-Impact Practice Advisor unit won the 2014 UAC Advising Team Award.
 - g. AGCJ student **Mollie Lastovica** named Texas A&M Foundation Trustees Outstanding student.
 - h. DH report
 - i. During the weekend, the Board of Regents approved the 4th building plan.
 - ii. Scheduled a strategy session with our boards and Dr. Dugas for June 2. Anyone is invited to attend.
 - iii. May 19, I will visit with Steve Johnson.
 - iv. Torri, **Ambrya**, and I will met all day on April 22 with Bucky Lamb.
 - v. Dr. **McKim** and I will travel to Austin on May 16 for the Rodeo Austin Roundup annual Meeting.
 - vi. Rodeo Austin provided ALEC with a \$16,000 scholarship.
 - vii. I will travel to AAAE in Utah the week of May 20.
 - viii. I am visiting Belay Begashaw in Kenya June 4-7 and then will renegotiate our MOA with the University of Namibia June 9-13 and begin a new MOA with the Desert Research Foundation of Namibia.
 - ix. I will attend the NACTA Conference in Montana the end of June and then take some vacation.
 - x. The TX Ag Teacher meeting is on my agenda as well.
 - i. Study Abroads
 - i. Guatemala spring (11) and May (10) - Dr. **Wingenbach**
 - ii. Brazil (4) - Drs. **Larke** and **Edney; David**
 - iii. Greece (16) - Drs. **Elbert** and **Dooley**
 - iv. Namibia (16) - Drs. **Rutherford, Wingenbach, and Wash Jones; Tobin Redwine**
 - j. High Impact Experience
 - i. California - Dr. **McKim**
 - ii. Haiti - Drs. **Briers** and **Lindner**
 - iii. DC - Dr. **Piña**
2. Work Group Leaders
 - a. Process is needed - by May 16
 - i. Years in role - term limit
 - ii. Selection by work group; by department head; combination; other?
 - iii. Other items?
 - b. Expectations to share salient information at department meetings and include minutes/notes so Debbie can include them with the department meeting minutes.
3. Publications/Presentations

- a. **Ho, S. P., & Odom, S. F.** (2014). Mindsets of leadership education undergraduates: An approach to program assessment. Research paper accepted for the 2014 Association of Leadership Educators Conference. San Antonio, TX.
 - b. **Ho, S. P.** (2014). Negotiating the rapids of high-impact experiences. Abstract accepted for poster presentation at the 2014 North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Conference. Bozeman, MT.
 - c. **McKim, A., Velez, J., Moore, L. L., & Stephens, C.** (2014). Examining the Scope of Agricultural Leadership Education. Research Paper to be presented at the Annual Association of Leadership Educators Conference, San Antonio, TX.
 - d. **Moore, L. L., & Ho, S. P.** (2014). Becoming Student-Athlete Champions: Identifying Athletic Role Models as Leaders. Innovative Practice Paper to be presented at the Annual Association of Leadership Educators Conference, San Antonio, TX.
 - e. **Stavinoha, M. R., & Moore, L. L.** (2014). Leadership autobiography: Identifying early leadership experiences. Interactive Poster to be presented at the Annual Association of Leadership Educators Conference, San Antonio, TX.
 - f. **Hirsch, K., & Odom, S. F.** (2014). Exploring individual capacity for development of the five practices of exemplary leaders in a high-impact undergraduate program. Association of Leadership Educators Conference (Accepted Poster). San Antonio, TX.
 - g. **Burbank, M., Odom, S. F., & Sandlin, M. R.** (2014). An evaluation of student perceptions on the impact of curricular and co-curricular activities on their changes in leader behaviors. Association of Leadership Educators Conference (Accepted Research Paper). San Antonio, TX.
 - h. **Lobpries, J., & Odom, S. F.** (2014). Examining the developmental influences that impact women in sports' leadership identity development. Association of Leadership Educators Conference (Accepted Poster). San Antonio, TX.
 - i. **Wakefield, L., & Odom, S F.** (2014). Don't fix what ain't broke: Strategic leaders' utilization of entrepreneurial capability. Association of Leadership Educators Conference (Accepted Poster). San Antonio, TX.
 - j. **Sowcik, M., Odom, S. F., & Weeks, W. G.** (2014). Connecting concepts to real world examples: The New York Times in Leadership. Association of Leadership Educators Conference. (Accepted Practice Paper). San Antonio, TX.
 - k. **Hammond, S., Odom, S. F., & Sandlin, M. R.** (2014). Leadership in action: Exercising the five practices of exemplary student leaders. Association of Leadership Educators Conference. (Accepted Practice Paper). San Antonio, TX.
4. Grant Management 101 (should provide 3 out of 4 of these to the Department - meaning faculty become managers or facilitators of the grants).
 - a. **A reminder: involve Tanya Gunnels with the budget as soon as you start a grant proposal process. She will be our liaison with SRS. During any communication with SRS, always copy Tanya and, where appropriate, copy Kenny.**
 - b. Shelly Berry Hebb is back as our SRS contact person.
 - c. Salary Savings (100% to Department [50% - Department] and PIs [50%] - restricted discretionary)
 - d. **Indirect (TBD)**
 - e. Personnel (project director, support staff, GTAs, etc.)
 - f. Operations (e.g., travel, supplies, copying, printing, etc.)
 - g. Drs. **Leggett** and **Dunsford** received Neuhaus-Shepardson grants.
 5. Dutch treat lunch with Dr. E. - Contact Debbie King to schedule and leave a contact number (for rescheduling): May 14, 30; June 16, 17, 18, 20, 23.

Social Media/Web Updates

The use of, features and implementation of information technology at TAMU and AgriLife is changing. The speed of this change is increasing. You will see the benefits of these changes in the near future.

One change mentioned is the use of Google Apps for Education for all students at TAMU. This is a great leap forward for the university in my opinion. This change may also cause some confusion. I will attempt to clear this confusion with a group short statements:

- All students will start using Google Apps for Education in May 2014.
- Google Apps for Education looks just like Gmail, Drive, Google Docs, etc.
- There is a possibility for TAMU to limit the features of Google Apps for Education, so I'm not certain exactly what features are available for students.
- Faculty can request a TAMU Google Apps for Education login to enhance collaboration with students.
- Faculty are required by SAP and TAC to not store business data on this system. To make this statement a little simpler, if you store a test or some payroll or grant submission paperwork on Google, you are probably not following the rules.
- Google Apps for Education email can be configured to work with Outlook if you like.
- Faculty in any part of TAMU other than AgriLife will begin a move to the TAMU Exchange Email servers (this looks like outlook to the faculty).
- Faculty in AgriLife will continue to use the AGNET email system. So for us, there is no change to our email setup.

I really am excited for the future of Information Technology at TAMU, TAMUS and AgriLife. These next couple of years are going to be full of change and possibly full of innovation.

I welcome any questions, thoughts, criticisms or input you have. PLEASE bombard me with your information. Email is the best path for input to my mind. I will reply to your emails as much as I am able.

If you have something to say that you feel needs to be confidential or untraced, please schedule a time to meet with me so we can talk "off the record." I work for TAMU and they pay my paycheck so what you say is not protected by client/patient confidentiality.

Please note: I typically do not receive input from the department. I would prefer to not say that, so please start feeding me with your thoughts and suggestions.⁴

Kind Regards,

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News Release

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Texas A&M University System announces IT Audit Report Results

COLLEGE STATION, Texas— John Sharp, chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, today announced that Deloitte Consulting, LLP has completed their study of Information Technology (IT) infrastructure throughout the A&M System. The study included 29 detailed recommendations with anticipated savings of \$200 million over the next ten years or \$20 million per year if infrastructure changes are implemented.

“As soon as I started this job, our auditor reported that the rising costs of IT at the A&M System were unsustainable, therefore we initiated a review of IT immediately utilizing Deloitte,” said Sharp. “There is no way to have an efficient operation of any kind without a first-class IT department. We will immediately begin implementing these recommendations, which will not only save money, but will enable us to have the best IT department in the state.”

The report covers all A&M System members. It points out a lack of unified vision at the system-level, while structural and funding challenges have forced members to be self-sufficient with limited opportunities for cooperation. The result has been an inefficient structure that presents challenges in attracting, hiring and retaining qualified IT staff. However, some system members, including Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Texas A&M International University, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University – Kingsville, Texas A&M Transportation Institute and West Texas A&M University have well developed and highly functioning IT leadership.

There was no immediate timing discussed for a rollout of the suggested changes, but given the potential savings and opportunity to improve both the quality and efficiency of the IT infrastructure, the chancellor assures the project will be a high priority.

“This set of recommendations has been delivered to each CEO of the system,” said Sharp. “It has been developed with strong grassroots IT support throughout the system, and I believe will be implemented in its entirety.”

Information on the current status of Texas A&M System IT infrastructure is available here:

<http://news.tamus.edu/it-faqs>.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Department Heads, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

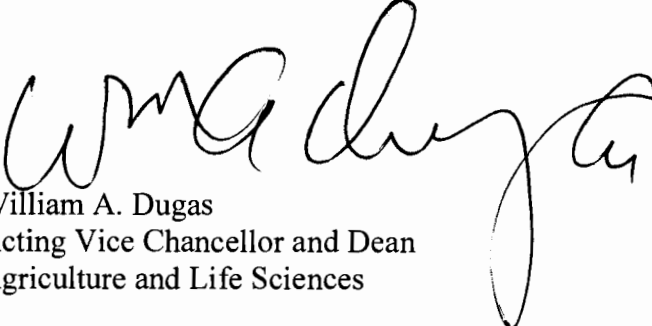
Subject: TAMU Email Transition

Attached is the memo sent on this topic by Provost Watson. In light of this memo, I wanted to inform you as to how this matter will be handled by all departments in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

1. Students will follow TAMU guidance.
2. Faculty and staff email services will not change and will continue to be provided by our AgriLife IT Enterprise Server. Departments may not opt out of this service. The key reasons for this decision are:
 - Maintaining the high level of collaboration between the college and agencies through the use of a common Exchange email and Lync services.
 - Maintaining an accurate and comprehensive college and AgriLife agency directory.
 - Minimizing overhead in departmental account management responsibilities.
 - Maintaining a consistent and high level of support from departmental and central AgriLife IT resources.
 - Strategically positioning the college and agencies for a single username/password environment that is being developed by TAMUS.
3. As described in the attached memo, faculty may request a Google App account for collaborations.

Also, as a result of cost savings and need, we are increasing the default mailbox size to 4 GB.

Please contact me if you have any questions.



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Attachment

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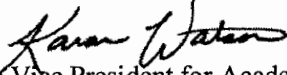
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Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

February 12, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Vice Presidents, Student Body President, Graduate Student Council, Faculty Senate, Council of Principle Investigators

FROM: Karan L. Watson 
Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: University Email Transition

The Email Selection Advisory Committee, convened in fall 2013, reviewed options for email migration and recommended the transition paths for faculty, staff and student email. Read the committee's full recommendation at <http://u.tamu.edu/Email-Recommendations>. Texas A&M University will enact email service changes to increase quality of service and decrease operating costs.

- Student email will be transitioned to the cloud-based Google Apps for Education.
- Existing faculty and staff email services will be consolidated to a single, on-premise hosted Microsoft Exchange 2013 service.
- Faculty will be able to request a Google Apps account for collaboration with students and colleagues in addition to receiving an Exchange account.
- Deans and vice presidents have the option to select Google Apps for their units or delegate this decision to the department level. If a unit moves to Google Apps, they will not receive Exchange accounts.
- Central funding will be provided for both services for Texas A&M University students, faculty, and staff (System Part 02 only).

Computing & Information Services, a department of Texas A&M Information Technology, is tasked with implementing these services. They will be providing more information about the transition in the coming months. Visit these web pages to learn more:

- Google Apps for Education Transition - <http://u.tamu.edu/Google-Apps-Transition>
- Hosted Microsoft Exchange Transition – <http://u.tamu.edu/Employee-Email-Consolidation>

For questions or comments, contact Help Desk Central at 979.845.8300 or helpdesk@tamu.edu.

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