Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences  
Department Meeting Minutes  
September 24, 2010, 1:00

We enhance individual and social well-being, and environmental and economic sustainability by generating and disseminating knowledge about the management and development of recreation, park, community, and tourism resources.

Information

- Football Game/Brunch Guests: TTIA President David Teal, TRAPS Executive Director Dr. Michael Ann Lord, and Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History Director Dr. Deborah Cowman. Brunch with faculty and staff, 9:00 AM Francis 109. Date is November 6th – reminder and RSVP’s will be sent out October 6th.
- Student Event Planners Association: New student organization, open to all majors, sponsored by RPTS. Megan Flowers initiated.

Recognition

- RPTS Quiz Bowl I team introduction
  - Members are Aaron Littman, Emily Webb, Michelle Dew and James Hall
  - Showcase is Wednesday night, October 27th

Action/Discussion

- Update on Agriculture and Life Sciences Building and Parking (Terrell) – see PowerPoint attached in email
  - Questions for Ralph Davila:
    - Moving personal items; where to locate those in between moving
    - Unloading at new building
    - Landscaping – what will be there
- Park Gift, David E. Schob Trust, 7.43 Acres at 906 Ashburn (Scott) – Over 2 million was donated; want to involve classes from 402, people from Eco Sys Sciences, Wildlife and Fisheries; they want students to help with concept and hands on; one question, who will do maintenance.
- Volunteer to serve on steering committee for ANRP (see attached, Gary) - Kaiser volunteered, he has done it before
- Urban Living Laboratory (Gary) – people who move will participate in research; the facility will provide labs for what we do; need to identify who would like to meet with Dr. Dugas – Dunlap, Schuett, Walker, Scott, D., Outley. Groundbreaking has taken place; Dr. Ellis will contact Dr. Dugas.
- Centennial Lecture Series (Gary) - What are the funds? $5000 to $2500; we foot ½ bill, $1000; Mickey Fern with the Park Service was mentioned. He is the deputy director and recommended by Dr. Crompton; Jerrard Baker and Robert Garcia
- AgriLife Research Risk Management Plan (Gary) – Reviewed with faculty
- Emergency procedures (Gary and Terrell) – Flyers were posted and sent to everyone

Standing Committee Update Opportunities

- Graduate Committee (Jim Petrick) and Undergraduate Committee (Sanjay Nepal) – Question to Dr. Nepal regarding E-journal upon his departure – unknown status at this time; a research associate handled in the past; if there is funding, it can be possible.
- Specialization Areas (Tazim Jamal, Gerard Kyle, Scott Shafer, John Thomas, Corliss Outley)
- Water program (Ron Kaiser)
- Extension (Peter Witt)
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- Internationalization of Curriculum Committee (Gerard Kyle)
MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 17, 2010

TO: College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department Heads

SUBJECT: Faculty Screening Committee Nominations
Agricultural & Natural Resources Policy Internship Program

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences’ Agricultural and Natural Resources Policy (ANRP) Internship Program is currently recruiting students for the spring and summer 2011 semesters. After 20 years of sending students to intern in Washington, D.C., and Austin, Texas, the ANRP Internship Program has become one of our college’s best leadership and development programs. Your department’s involvement is essential to its ongoing success. Input from faculty and staff is a vital part of ensuring that the most outstanding students are selected to represent the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in our state and national capitals.

The ANRP Internship Program is known for its rigorous application and interview process. All applicants are interviewed and pre-screened by a committee of faculty and staff. The faculty/staff committee is important because it assesses the maturity and poise of each student and encourages faculty and departmental involvement in the program. The committee will select approximately 20 students to advance to a final round of interviews with congressional staff and program donors.

The first round of interviews for spring and summer 2011 internships in Washington, D.C., will be Tuesday and Wednesday, October 19 and 20, 2010. To ensure representation among all departments, we ask that you identify one representative from your department to serve on the faculty/staff screening committee. Academic advisors and faculty are welcome. To help ease the time commitment, we ask that committee members volunteer for a five-hour interview block, which includes lunch.

The responsibilities of faculty/staff committee members are to:
1. Review students’ applications, essays, résumés, and letters of recommendation prior to or during the interviews.
2. Interview and score students based on responses.

Please complete the attached form indicating the name of your departmental representative and return it to the program director, Breanne Svehla, via fax at (979) 845-6358 or email at svehla@tamu.edu no later than Monday, October 4, 2010. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Dr. Alan Sams
Executive Associate Dean
College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

Enclosure
Faculty Nomination Form

Please provide the following information about the representative from your department who will serve on the faculty/staff screening committee on Tuesday or Wednesday, October 19 or 20, 2010. NOTE: Each representative will only be asked to interview for 5 hours (including lunch) on either of the two days.

Department: ________________________________

Name: ____________________________________

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Please indicate what day/time they will participate and if they will join us for lunch.

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- Centennial Lecture Updates: Mickey Fearn nomination submitted (Gary, Jim Miculka) – Mr. Fearn’s interest is youth and the environment.
- RPTS Quiz Bowl I (Gary), Team: Michelle Dew, James Hall, Aaron Littmann, Emily Webb, and Coach Mike Edwards
- The AgriLife Center (Terrell) – I met last Friday with Cady and other (Dr. Whisenant, Dr. Welsh and Ms. Scott) and Cady wanted our thoughts on the window graphics; location and look of Texas map and photo opportunities; Dr. Welsh had a great idea of having an interactive water display that is both inside and outside.
- Other

Action/Discussion

- Vote: Do we wish to interview Dr. Siemens?- Yes
- Discussion: Appropriate salary range – It was suggested by numerous faculty that Dr. Ellis make the decision on salary; Dr. Rossman will be leaving next year and we’ll need someone to assist with tourism mgmt classes; equity needs to be discussed down the road for all faculty; $38 K is left after reallocation of funds and losing two positions, that is why we need outside assistance; she has a MS in CD; this is a no-brainer, don’t see a downside; Dean’s office will help with interview costs
- Other – Amanda Bentley asked if the Friday Seminars are required and Dr. Petrick stated that the Graduate Committee is meeting and an email will be sent out regarding the status, right now though it is not required unless you are on an assistantship; Ms. Bentley asked that the students be more supported by faculty; Dr. Ellis was acknowledged for being awarded the Distinguished Colleague Award from the Society of Park and Recreation Educators.

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Information

- **Recognitions** – Dr. Ellis had two gifts to give to Drs. Gretzel and Nepal. Regarding Dr. Nepal, he stated that during a transition period, we needed someone to take on the Undergraduate Program and Dr. Nepal took on the responsibility and that was the best decision Dr. Ellis stated he made since he took his position; he has excellent leadership and is a recognized teacher. Regarding Dr. Gretzel, she has achieved a national reputation quickly, attending 90 International meetings in five years.

- **Update on Dr. Siemens Appointment** – Dr. Siemens declined and received another offer

- **Annual Performance Evaluation** – The evaluations will be electronic again this year and you will need to do them from work; Dr. Ellis will send out an email with the information attached, you will then open it and save to your desktop under another name. Complete the form, save it and send it back via email. There is a new feature on the form, “insert item” so there will be space only if you need it; this information is important as it is used as a performance evaluation and for the annual budget hearing; it should be out either today or tomorrow and is due by the end of January.

- **Other** – Land has been donated in Johnson City; residential level-501c; someone can own the national area around the residential area as a tax benefit; it can be used to do research. Dr. Ellis took a poll and our department does not want to participate, Dr. Ellis will forward information onto another department.

Action/Discussion

- **Budget and Academic Program Leadership Retreat Update (Gary Ellis and Ron Kaiser)** – Had a meeting with all DH’s, Dean of Faculty, Dr. Watson and Loftin via call in and they discussed all facets of the crisis; Watson stated that it has been 60-70 years since we faced challenges like this; the budget summary is attached for your review as well; house is up to 20% and the senate is 10% maybe 15%; DH meeting Monday with Dr. Sams and agency personnel and they are saying 2.5%; written orders should come this week however nothing to date; some statements from the meeting were “if we continue to run the business as usual we will erode”, “need to make decisions centrally, no appointments of a task force”; “rainy day funds will be used but not politically wise”; “25% increase in tuition would be needed – it can’t happen though”; “we need other sources of revenue”;

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7.5 below state average in workload; Sams big picture adjustment is to combine departments, staff do other peoples jobs however education comes first. Dr. Ellis meets with Dr. Hussey before the holidays and doesn’t know exactly what funds, amounts or timing will be discussed. The question was asked: How is this going to affect us:

- No instructions from Ag Research at this time
- Sams 10% is on the average, 2.5% recession
- Dr. Ellis will start with something, meet with Executive Committee and then send something out to the faculty
- We won’t know anything until next summer

What we need to be mindful of is:

- SCH/WSCH
- Number of majors
- Diversity of student population
- Time to graduation
- Differential tuition/Distance Ed
- International Programs
- Youth Development
- Event Management
- Grants
- Extension outcomes
- Fee for service

Regarding Distance Ed, it is at a departmental level, the plan is to buy into it, provide money to augment or pay salary of someone to handle; what is the charge for a course; out of state students is where the money is; the normal rate is $40; the Bush School rate is $500 a course; Sams will not provide money, we’ll have to use money we generate; MMRD, Tourism Mgmt, YD and Event Management certificate would be our courses; Wildlife made $100,000; 10% comes down to department; the state benefits from the Federal Government.

• **IT Update (Garrett Makovicka)** - The email transition is going well; we’ll have six months of auto archive; make and keep folders and put the items in there and they won’t be deleted; what Garrett needs is access to everyone computer/laptop and he will give a temporary password to access files and then your old password will be reinstated; laptops for checkout will be available; web access will be through agnet.tamu.edu; tutorials will also be available. Everyone congratulated Garrett on a great transition.

• **Marketing update (Sam Roberson)** - per Dr. Ellis, the site will be converted to content management soon; working with Dr. Schuett on the MMRD; promoting the Event

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Management Certificate; regarding the Athletic Department, Sam is putting together a video, PowerPoint and handouts for the potential market of athletics.

- **Course Evaluation Update (Scott Shafer)**- The scale is backwards on Qualtrics so don’t be alarmed, Irina is going to reverse the coding; there are two different methods, Qualtrics or clickers; the computer lab was used with no problems; nearly 100% response; 50% out of 90% for Dr. Scott’s class; Irina will make the professors collaborators after finals; audience response was good.

- **Department Seminar Format and Process (Jim Petrick)**- The Graduate committee met and it was anonymous that MS students acquire one credit per semester per seminar and present and PhD students acquire two credits per semester and present. There are other seminars that the students have to attend that cause problems; these shouldn’t be forced on students; what about videoing the seminar and putting online? The committee will meet again and discuss further. It was moved that we need to create seminar for one credit for the fall, it was seconded. The majority was I’s, one opposed.

- **Other**

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Seminar
After polling the Graduate Affairs Committee, it was found that:
a) Unanimously, the group desires that students should be required to take seminar for 1 credit (per semester) as a portion of their degree plan
b) All but two members recommended that Ph.D. students be required to take it for 1 credit twice in their careers. The other two responses were once, and three times.
c) Unanimously, the committee recommends that all M.S. students take seminar for credit one time as a portion of their degree plan.
d) The group also unanimously voted that all students be required to present during the semester(s) they take seminar for credit.
e) All but one member recommended that M.S. students should present one time (other response was zero times).
f) All but one member recommended that Ph.D. students should present two times (other response was one time).

It is thus, my recommendation that:
1) M.S. students be required to take seminar for 1 credit one time and be required to do a presentation during that semester in seminar.
2) Ph.D. students be required to take seminar for 1 credit two times and be required to do a presentation each time.

A memo from Ms. Bentley summarizing graduate student views on this question follows.
4 November 2010

To: Dr. Gary Ellis, Department Head
CC: Faculty, Staff, Graduate Students – Department of Recreation, Park & Tourism Sciences
Subject: RPTSTGrad_Fall2010 Survey Summary

RPTSTGrad_Fall2010 Survey Summary

Background:
Texas A&M University currently faces significant budget cuts and reallocations for the 2012 academic year and beyond. In light of the shifting financial atmosphere, graduate students have approached the Graduate Student Representative (GSR) with questions and concerns regarding department resources and financial support including seminar, mini-grants and other funding. GSR met with the Department Head (DH) and a graduate student meeting was arranged with the Graduate Committee Chair (GCC). Both DH and GCC requested graduate student input regarding these circumstances in order to provide insight for decision-making as scenarios for future department budget structure and class structure are considered.

Objectives:
- To obtain RPTS graduate student opinions regarding Friday Department Seminar and the proposal by Graduate Committee to make it a required course for new incoming students.
- To obtain RPTS graduate student opinions regarding department mini-grants.
- To obtain RPTS graduate student opinions regarding tuition waivers and other avenues of financial support.

Data Collection:
Data was collected via Qualtrics online survey. The survey, comprised of multiple choice and comment boxes was emailed to the graduate student listserv on Wednesday morning 11/3/10, and graduates were asked to complete it within 24 hours. Respondents could complete the survey only once. No identifying information was recorded. There are approximately 80 graduate students (Master’s and Ph.D.) in the department, 15 in absentia. 40 surveys were completed; estimated 50% response rate.

Findings:
Friday Department Seminar
- 48% of respondents said no, seminar should not become a course for M.S. students (one semester required, one hour credit) or Ph.D. students (two semesters required, one hour credit per semester). 33% said yes, seminar should become a one/two semester course, and 20% indicated that they do not have enough information to support/oppose this proposal.

- In response to the statement "I should earn one credit hour for attending seminar," a combined 52.5% indicated that this "clearly describes my feelings" or "mostly describes my feelings."

- In response to the statement “I attend seminar because I believe it will make me more competitive for a teaching assistantship,” a combined 50% of respondents indicated that this clearly does not describe or mostly does not describe their feelings.

- 65% of respondents indicated that a desire to see more faculty attendance at seminar clearly describes or mostly describes their feelings.

- Approximately half of the respondents listed “Tips for Getting Published,” “Research Methods,” and “Grant Writing” as their top three choices for seminar topics.

- Selected respondent comments:
  - Seminar needs to be made more interesting and faculty needs to attend in order to make it more insightful and interactive. Department head needs to communicate more with grad students, so far it seems there is not a good communication.

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- I am a professional student. I'm not interested in going to 15 seminars a semester that deal with academia and purely theoretical pursuits. I want to see how the research we do is applied in the field so that I can be prepared to begin doing it in my professional career. This semester's seminars have been more interesting to me because of this and I would like to see it continued.

- I would like to see more of our faculty members talk about their research, either previous or present ones. Their experiences could be very interesting and valuable for us. If we require new students to present at the seminar, can we also find volunteers from our faculty members to speak there too, at least 1 faculty per month?

- RPTS Friday seminars hardly ever apply to my area of interest. I attend because I have to. I do find the information interesting, just not relevant to my research.

Mini-Grants
- 67.5% of respondents indicated that the availability of department mini-grants and matching funds is very important when deciding whether or not to attend a conference/conduct research.

- 67.5% of respondents ranked tuition waivers as their most valued source of financial support. The majority of respondents ranked higher monthly stipends and mini-grants as their second and third most valued sources of funding, respectively.

- As a new graduate student, I am unaware of the many interdepartment resources like mini-grants or responsibilities like attending a seminar for assistantship. This might be my own fault but I am still unaware of how to become responsible for this information. It is only because of the issues surrounding these topics that I have become aware this first semester. Which leaves me wondering what other resources and responsibilities am I unaware of at this time.

- Mini-grants are necessary. Mini-grants were stated as an available and important resource when I entered the college - I was "sold" on A&M for many reasons, but mini-grants are one of them. My personal debt load has been greatly impacted, approx. $1500, by not having an available mini-grant program since last year.

Tuition Waivers and Other Funding
- 75% of respondents indicated that the statement “If tuition waivers are eliminated, I can not afford grad school” clearly or mostly describes their feelings.

- 62.5% of respondents indicated that the statement “I struggle to find scholarships/funding outside the department” clearly or mostly describes their feelings.

- Selected respondent comments:
  - Tuition waivers are wonderful! Please do not take them away.
  - It would be nice for monthly stipends to be raised slightly, in line with inflation.

Conclusion
The graduate student body understands that in this challenging time of economic recession, budget reductions and reallocations, resources are stretched thin. It is our hope that the results of this short survey will provide helpful insight to the DH, GCC and other administrators as decisions are made regarding financial support for graduate students for future academic years.

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Graduate Student Representative
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## Department of RPTS Budget Reduction Scenarios Summary

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1:00 pm

# Introductions: Dr. Ellis Barnes, David Lee, Kyle Devlin
Dr. Thomas - Ameritus Status
Dr. Crompton - Scholarship announcement

# Library - Nancy Barrow - spoke briefly, willing to help students, prof will specify classes.
Q&A -

# Football Game Question - our tailgate is off.
Mr. Taylor and family will attend Sept 17 6:00 pm
Dr. Edwards I might go

# Mickey Team Lecture in Aggie Exhibit Center
        Announced Nov 4 in planning stages.

- Question about NRPA overlapping

# Fall Social -

# Thomas Cline (Dr. Vamann to Speak)
BV Museum of Nat. Hist. (pm Sept 1)

# 17 New Grad - Dr. Butch
 TA needed to see students' office
Cubicle space & lab space

# 350 Undergrads - Dr. Hodges

- Kelly Kyle to teach 304 also (available)

# Dr. Shafer Assoc. Dept. Head - nothing

# David Maturana

# Dr. Hitt - Extension - interview process
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* Business Office - Travel position full time.
* Service Quality - 1st Call instructions
* Work Geographic - Flair College area
* IT explaining what a good job they do.
* Extension & paid for John Claytor.

* Dr. Michael Schult - Center for Rural Sec. Comments.
* Dr. Doreen - webinar series Comments
* Jim - Trails + Rails may teach

* Dr. Hose - may be around more (April to talk about Parks + Till Smale)

* Dr. Yamaana - Comments on technical report
  @ nature... go.

* Go over the Committee member list
* Advisory Committee Meeting - Comments.

* NRPA - Alumni Reception - Fours
  Dr. E
  Dr. Matt
  Dr. Compton suggested Faculty don't show
  Dr. Scott do not have it.
  Dr. Edwards

  * University Row... ?
  * List of Faculty + time - Comments
  * why do we do a booth or reception with NRPA
    and not other - TRAPS chair me - Susan
  * Aggie Breakfast - Outlay - def Univ. Departmental
  * Find out if other Univ. Reception
    and having a reception -

  yes to reception - outlay

Tuesday - 11/12
We enhance individual and social well-being, and environmental and economic sustainability by generating and disseminating knowledge about the management and development of recreation, park, community, and tourism resources.

Information (written, attached)
- Budget Summary
- Scheduling Office Hours
- FAQ's on website
- Good News
- TA Evaluations per term
- Learning Outcomes Assessment
- Field Trip Safety, new form
- Annual Performance Evaluation Calendar
- Football Game for Friends of the Department
- College Tailgate
- Select Events
- Mickey Fooe Centennial Lecture, Friday, Nov. 4, 10:00 AM
- Fall Social: August 28, 2011, G. Rollie White Center, 4:45 pm
- September 1, Thomas Cole and the Birth of American Landscape Painting, Jim Gramann featured speaker
- Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History
- October 29, 2011, AGLS Grand Opening and Tailgate (Fightin' Texas Aggies vs. Missouri)

Recognitions and Transitions
- Welcome to new faculty, staff, and student representative: Debbie Barnes, Julianne Daniel, Kim Free, Kelly Kyle, Seeun Lee
- Congratulations, new Professor Emeritus John Thomas!
- New Endowed Scholarship!

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Action/Discussion
- Fightin' Texas Aggies vs. University of Idaho, September 17, 6:00 p.m.
- Confirm Leadership and Committee Roles and affiliations (see attached draft)
- NRPA Former Student Reception (Gary)

Bulletin Board
- Undergrad lab - board for info Scott
- Lab access and hours varies
- Lab floor open till 4:30 pm
- Colloquium starts at 4:30
Sept. 16, 2011

Dr. Ellis begins with updates

Select events

- Dr. Rekate - Advisory Board update
- May bring TT College to ATM with help of Paul Seiff
- Lectures
- May call it the Paul Seiff Series
- Norwegian Cruise Line - help for our students jobs

Dr. Hodge - Undergrad Marketing 2 in Sept.
- May implement Senior Housing Course
- Advance Interpretation Course, writing course, 301
- See the grade for
- Classroom Sages
- 301 Social Behavior - Student approval
- Specialization Minors: C
- Certification Programs YD, etc. (Ask Hodge)

- Dr. Kyle - wants to introduce a new course
  for 2nd period in "The Smokey's" class. Start
  in Jan (Pen Outley)

Dr. Shaffer - get advisory group together.

Dr. Dunlap -

- Dr. Outley - 50 student selecting YD as primary
  one of main group with Mickey Team lectures
  Youth on Nature, panel - Broadcast
  - What courses can we offer because of numbers

Dr. Kaiser - Web courses pre-courses, update 52 students
- Update on Students
- Val Sulfur lecture - need program coordinator

Dr. Witt - no big news
2010

**SEPTEMBER**
- Stephen Brueggerhoff - New Ext. Position

**libin - Please use First Cal - Dr. Ellis**

**Dr. Schutt - Seminars Oct. 7 NPS / Oct 21 Outdoor**
- Kanghee

**OCTOBER**

**NOVEMBER**

**DECEMBER**

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**JANUARY**

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**MARCH**

**APRIL**

**MAY**

**JUNE**

**JULY**

**AUGUST**

- Last year behind us:
  - Can not define criteria for this rating system -
    departments/programs need to show where they stand
  - Values of money (Account)
  - No further reduction in TAMU budget
  - Money collected in forecast Office being reallocated
  - How will we use the money? Honors Prorr:
    Undergrad, Debate, SCFF etc.
- Planning
- Dept. Priorities
**High Impact Learning Help Committee**

- **Scott**
- **Patrick**
- **Shamann**
- **Edwards**
- **Waller**
- **Duncan**
- **Kaiser**
- **Susan**
- **Kelly**

Kaiser - Suggests Certificates in certain areas that are more highly sought after.

- Specialized Areas - next meeting VISION

- Extension may take another cut in fees.

2:10 Meeting adjourned
Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences
Department Meeting Agenda

We enhance individual and social well-being, and environmental and economic sustainability by generating and disseminating knowledge about the management and development of recreation, park, community, and tourism resources.

Information (written, attached)
- Select Events
  - September 23, 3:00 AGLS Grand Opening
  - October 29, 2011: AGLS Grand Opening and Tailgate (Fightin' Texas Aggies vs. Missouri)
  - Mickey Fearn Centennial Lecture, Friday, Nov. 4, 10:00 AM

Recognitions and Transitions

Standing Committee Update Opportunities
- Graduate Committee (Jim Petrick) and Undergraduate Committee (Lou Hodges)
- Specialization Areas (Jim Petrick, Gerard Kyle, Scott Shafer, David Matarrita, Corliss Outley)
- Water program (Ron Kaiser)
- Extension (Peter Witt)
- Staff (Tina Vega) and IT (Libin)
- Center for Socioeconomic Research and Education (Mike Schuett)
- NSF-IGERT (Amanda Stronza)
- Youth Development Initiative (Mat Duerden)
- National Park Service Partnerships (Jim Miculka, Louise Hose, Jim Gramann)

Action/Discussion
- Annual Giving Drive (Debbie)
- Special Event in Bryan (Debbie and Gary)
- AGLS Fourth Floor Interior Design Committee (Gary)
- First Call (Libin)
- Toward a vision for our future: Vision 2020, Current resources, reallocation, planning, and Department priorities (Gary)

Quality Experiences, Lives, and Communities!
Discussion - Patrick - High Impact Learning

Welsh - Honors, majors, majors (Study Abroad), etc.

Shafer - High Impact Learning, Study Abroad, Internships, etc.

Ellis - Honors, majors (Gompton suggested)

Slavitt - Will Uni. Focus on resources

?New Resources?

Ellis - ROPs may have thoughts or programs for NIT.

Patrick - How soon - 2 weeks - Ellis

Welsh - Emphasis on undergrad.

Patrick - Gave list of NIT from everyone.

Kaiser - Brand yourself / market it.

Need projects to bring in $.

The Colleges have to battle for the money.

Kaiser - Suggested go to field trip

for student research and projects.

Gramann - Something with fire situation.

Ellis - Allan, seems fully aware

of ROPs being good at what we do.

Welsh - Silo's/classes work together

and help students make the connection

between classes.

Patrick - Combine Classes trips

Welsh -

Ellis - Securing funds.

Gramann - Merge Silos and combine

Kaiser - Will they decline the funds

over time?

Ellis - May do this with activity

Shafer - as long as they maintain

they will keep funding.

Patrick - Baseline Fire project.

Sugan - projects close 945 & our part

$50k/60k.
*What do I need to do to travel?*

*Arrange meeting w/ Dr. Hurley - at one of the faculty meeting per request*

April 4 - Concur on web - Print Concur/Travel for everyone

• SSO - available (LIVE NO TEST) Print out FAQ Pages

January 19, 2012 FACULTY MEETING.

Brief greeting and announcement of Dr. Witt - Award. Everyone enjoyed cake and refreshments.

Meeting to Kim Payne of HR to explain the new "Concur" Travel System. Mrs. Payne gave a brief demonstration of the Concur screens and how to use them (agrilife.aps.tamu.edu)

• Recognitions - Stephen B., Amanda D., David B.

• Transitions - Eliminating the Cost for Socio Research & Ed. - we value this center and will keep it in our department, putting content and data on website so we are still able to access the information needed.

• Dr. Hermann to take lead the Park & Con. Special Area in the fall.

• Career Fair and AggieLand Saturday was well-attended. Faculty as needed to speak to students & parents.

• Hotel project report reminder. Had the reports done ASAP.

• Need to set up a meeting with Dr. Hurley.

• Service Quality Highlights were explained.

• Specialization areas have individual making positive strides in these areas.

• Slide show of Collective Data of numbers, credit hours, etc. long range averages. a lot of growth/decline in funding. Hold additional funding sources.
Discussion about class numbers and ways to create more sections. May use TAs in new significant ways. Do not have the capacity to meet the demand for students/classrooms. Recruiting and other ways to get students to see RPTS as a major, not just a minor major. Graduate students teaching now.

- Motion - Speakers and seminar program -

- Student Eval. Qualtrics web-based evaluation system. Provide opportunity for large classes to use this "Clicker" system for evals.

- Telephone technology - David - Students to be able to use their cell phones for evals.
1. Design and deploy a new model for staffing, curriculum, and enrollment management that is optimal, given a) our reduction in financial resources, b) dramatic increase in demand for our academic offerings, c) continued lack of a funding mechanism linking numbers of students taught to Department income.

2. Design development strategies based on loyalty giving, passion giving, or fund-raising strategies and events that yield excellence funds.

3. Ensure quality implementation of new programs:
   - Professional Event Manager Certificate Program
   - Master of Recreation Resources Development
   - Sequor Youth Development Initiative
   - Athletics and Nontraditional Students
   - Schob Professorship

4. Exceed “blue ocean” and basic expectations of key customers
   - College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
     - Established
       - Youth Development
       - Event Planning and Management
       - Study Abroad
     - Emerging
       - National Ranking
       - High-Impact (Community-based) Learning
   - AgriLife Research
     - Ukulima Farm
     - Urban Living Laboratory
     - Funded Research and publications
   - AgriLife Extension Service
     - Expansion of Fee-based services
     - Connection with County Extension Agents
     - Sustainable internal organization

5. Update (strategic/agile) plan and ensure success of initiatives in specialization areas.
Faculty Meeting

Feb. 14th

- Aggieland Saturday - Feb 16th - Agilitas Center
- Career Fair - Feb 27th - Agilitas Center

APR prep

Crompton, Semmann - Shapiro

- Growth in majors, loss of faculty members. What do faculty members think about this trend?
  - Micro pension, decreasing in Tourism, lost resources
  - Tourism under represented at grad level.
  - Image perception. Not the shining reputation it had.
  - Broad range of resources!
  - Will position that is vacant be redefined to fill a need in another area? Are online courses quality?
  - What is thought about cost to and courses online? (Distance education)
  - Mootos, PhD (Distance Ed. - additional funds)
  - RPTS 426 - Dist. Ed. - Same - What skills does the instructor need to be effective. Assistance Guidance (Student more comfortable) and Training (work dist. Ed.)
  - Departmental plan on what types of courses should be online? There is a committee organized to do this. Not completed yet.
  - What are departments expectation -
    - Hybrid teaching, part time in class and online.
    - Marketing and planning - Grad level - needed for Summer.

- Online has it merits. Some courses are better in class.

- Department Constitution in degree programs, are there separate communities in side of one. Silos is this the proper way?

- Changes may need to be made, generalists are able to teach more, we are not like that. Each has expertise.
* Students don't see the connections between what they are studying and how the other areas affect them.

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* What are the strengths of RPT5? (a revised team wonder)
  * What message do we want to put across.
  * Most productive unit.
  * $780 is all the state pays for our department. Additional funds are essential funds.
  * Possible 0 month app and 3 month to make additional funds.

* 475 Ugrads
  * 150 a year graduate
  * What are we doing to increase...
  * Are we training students to get a job in their field.

* Tourism /Natural Resources: Need more business courses. (our students get front line jobs) front desk jobs in hotels...
  * This is necessary in the hotel business.
  * Students may not have work experience.
  * Returning vets may have preference.
  * Look at Aggies out there, see what connections can be made.

Revisit
Public/Private Sector
Teaching/Teach level
Work experience - Coop programs
4/5/13 curriculum faculty meeting
Reminder re: Spring Celebration
Reminder re: Scholarship luncheon
Announcement regarding Dr. Heo

APR 2012 Review of Department explanation (see handouts) Distance Ed. course feedback (see handouts) RPTS department metrics explanation (see handouts)

Request to grads for proposal- Petrick. May win scholarship.

Dr. Price and guest to share the Howard Buffett art to be displayed on the 4th floor. 100 photo exhibit to be displayed. All funded by the foundation. Our art will not be taken down. O May want to repaint the walls. They may want to use the lobby to display. Will have a narrative Faculty seemed to approve.

Curriculum agenda - see hand out. Discussion among the faculty regarding the courses. Vote: Yes : 13 No : 1

Revise curriculum and how useful is the course? Tourism planning and design 402. change name? Park and conservation option 403. Shafer to take information back to the committee to review thoughtfully. Certificate Vote: Yes: 13 unanimous

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Faculty Meeting Minutes
9:00 AM 8/31/12 Agenda

Mr. Marty Holmes (Association of Former Students) - presented an award to Dr. David Scott for teaching excellence
Dr. Mark Hussey (Dean) – Spoke briefly about Dr. Scott’s commitment. Many student wrote letters of praise for his teaching style and personality.
- Both Spoke a few minutes about teaching excellence and the Association of Former Students

Introductions: Melyssa-Anne MacWillie, Ron Fox, and Mike Petriello (student rep)

Role Changes: YDI Coordinator – Dr. Peter Witt
Awards Committee – Dr. Amanda Stronza
Undergraduate Program – Susan Scott and Dr. Lou Hodges

Budget Talk: FY 2013 see handout.

Office Hours: Each professor asked to set aside 10 hours to be “open” and available for meetings

Football Game: Dr. Petrick will keep us posted

Fall Social: Reminder

Academic Program Review: Self-study request for help and explanation of review committee. Specialization area teams are to write the sections and turn into Debbie. November 1st deadline.

Bio: Faculty by November 1st. Send to Debbie. (see example)

Collaboration: Turn into Debbie by November 1st.

Need several people to read review and role play reviewers
- Scott Shafer
- Jim Gramann
- John Crompton
Faculty need to be in agreement about needs. Share with reviewers

Review charge

Should there be more research added to Self-Study? It is more of a focus on teaching as seen in the previous years.

Assistantships: Primary contact changed to Irina for assistant sips/tuition/fees. There is a form that must be filled out by faculty.

Software update: grad/undergrad labs – cleaned and new equipment
Can convert VHS to DVD in IT
Scanner to do posters 11x17
SPSS computer in back of undergrad lab
Purchase 1 In Vivo for 1 computer for grad lab
Will use updated Google earth in several labs

**Aggie Reps:** Susan Scott advisor. Will visit all RPTS classes and give info on all 5 clubs. Please let Susan know who you think Aggie Reps should be, by Sept. 7.

- Heidi Reilly

**Inventory:** submitting form for write off of missing equipment

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**Distance Ed:**

- October 11, 1:30-2:30 “Where to start” session in grad lab. Other sessions are being considered. Grads welcome
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- This is considered a revenue source
- Online classes are a lot more work
- May need to limit amount of students

**Advisory Committee:** Let Debbie know when to meet, who members are.

**TTIA:** Dr. Petrick organizing meeting @TTIA Summit

**Academic Program Review:** undergrad/grad committee look over assessments and take action as appropriate

**Promotion and Tenure:** Dr. Shafer, Dr. Kyle are full professors on September 1st
9am

8/31/12

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- Nov. 1 deadline

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  allow for many cylinders that have not been avail.
  before, lecturers, travel, etc. Teaching and developing
  this could be a significant revenue for the dept.
- Need to offer in class and online courses. We
  can't force students to take a course, by only
  offering online. Summer may be all distance ed.
  Fall-Spring may not.
- This is considered a revenue source.
- Online classes are a lot more work.
- May need to limit amount of students.

- Fees & Revenue - percent goes back to course
- Stipend amount for faculty who participate

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  are full professors Sept. 1.
63 touch
Faculty Meeting  
August 30, 2013

Introduction of new faculty, staff and grad representative.  
Presentation of Prf. Emeritus award to Dr. John Thomas

Review of budget and information items  
$2,000 set aside for travel for each faculty member. totaling $40k.

Bob and Mrs. Phillips to be hosted at the Auburn game. Sat. Oct 19th.

*Discussed Action Items

Dr. Schuett-head up the new task force on "research collaboration"  
Matarrita-volunteer  
Others will contact Dr. Schuett regarding service.  

task force for Communications with and among grad students is a grad committee issue.

Carrie Feeney of Mattiott Corp. to visit Nov. 17-18 ?????

Dr. Jamal, Graduate Research Seminar, grad student involvement requested.  
Carena Van Riper was suggested for information. Suggestion of using campus resources such as "ag. tv and u-tube". Faculty should lead and be an example for the grad students. Pick a day in spring semester when there are no RPTS classes for meeting. Can we require students to attend for 2 credits. Again, if the faculty support this the students will follow. Conference type of meetings where students present and have a speaker, like many years ago. 3 days set aside. "Research Symposium". Professional experience, business dress. video these presentations, sort of dress rehearsal for conferences. Dr. Jamal will present this to grad students and head the organization. Also include the way extension helps and plays a part in helping to get things out into the area.

Dr. Woosnam, Distance Education task force report, "Quality Matters training report.... Dr. Woosnam, Dr. Outley, Kelly Kyle and Susan Scott.  
Workshop suggested. Seminar-Woosnam/Outley.?

NRPA Congress Oct. 9-11  
all YDI students will attend per Dr. Outley. AGGIE Reps and RTPS club will meet and try to attend. Volunteering students are free. Volunteering is online. RPTS will provide vans if there are students want to attend.

Committee to identify recipients of Reid and Hershey awards. Dr. Shafer to head. Drs. Crompton, Ellis, Kaiser.

Advisory Committee meetings.
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November, Faculty Meeting November 1, 2013 (21 faculty attended and 4 staff)

* Constance "Rea" Kenerley attended to explain the Hatch Project reports. New procedures this year. Website and instructions on hand out in Admin office.
* Debbie Cummings present also. Extension does not need to do a Hatch Project. Agrilife Research professors. 06 + support account.
* Connie Schonenman is the contact.

~Youth Development Position.
~Dr. Hussey to attend the December faculty meeting ~Teaching Evaluations (Qualtrics) and Assessments are headed out. Reminder.
~"Legends in Texas Speaker Series".... Janet Holliday, CE Group, Event Management. Nov. 6-7, 2013
~Use FIRSTCALL for IT services. Please complete the report afterward.
~Graduate Student Seminar, Nov. 8, 2013 @ 1 pm in room 125. Dr. Jamal and Olivia gave a overview of the event. Please encourage students to attend. Faculty is encouraged to attend...strongly. Faculty should let their advisees know that they will be at the meetings.
~"State of the Union" address by Dr. Ellis on powerpoint. Explaining why/how the documentation and information is used for reporting on Accreditation.

Dr. E. nominated for a third term in office!!! lol

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December, Faculty Meeting Dec. 12, 2013

* Dr. Hussey spoke about....Garden and Greenway program between AGLS and George Bush library. Along White Creek. Dormitories and parking complex on the other side of White Creek. He needs our help on... ideas.... the Grove, rose garden, trails, water issues solved, etc....Before start on school in Jan. what elements are needed as an endowed program. What would benefit RPTS? Fundraisers? Under a million. Ideas for new program Committee: Shafer, Outley, Miculka, Gramann... meeting.

* He announced that he has been asked to be interim President. He will not leave the college of Ag. Things will not change for D.H.or departments.

* What about the positions that (RPTS) we are down.... will we get these back? Dr. Hussey says yes. Maybe lecturers, other wise bring it to the table and it will be decided then. (Petrick). These 2 positions will be brought up at the Annual review, per Dr. Ellis.

* Spring AY 2014 Procedures for Course Evaluations
* Howard G. Buffett photography announcement.
* "3 minute Presentation" explanation by Dr. Crompton. RPTS should enter the contest Nov. 2014. Internal contest in October. Winners goes to contest in Nov. Emperical research. Panel of judges. Audience had flat things to vote with..... Ipad..... lol. Dr. Jamal to head the presentations.
* Graduate Research Seminar... theme each meeting...Jan. 24, Dr. Petrick will speak on cruises. Chinese students will provide food. Feb. regarding Black History, March will be Korean/Asian, April Dr. Karla Peterson on climate change or Dr. Dan Conway. Faculty should attend.
* College Grand Challenges. Dr. Sams met with DH to decide how best to provide money for presentations on the 5 areas. 20 minute presentations, Kaiser, Dr. Gramann, Dr. Petrick, Dr. Harrist, Dr. Jamal, Dr. Shafer.
* Academic Program Review, 1 year follow-up. Report available upon request. Dr. Ellis.
* Need training information returned to Dr. Ellis for Annual Review

McNeese: Woosnam, Miles
North Texas: Clara, Clara, clara
UTPA: Melyssa-Anne, Clara
Arkansas: Woosnam, Outley
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January 2015 Faculty meeting, January 9, 2015


Reminder regarding the Advisory Committee Meetings.

Ask for pictures of recreation for the advising room.

Quiz bowl coach recruiting.

Aaliyah blood drive. Send out color copy to faculty.

Hodges reports on the 50th Anniversary bash. Theme to be set on Monday. The date will be set after April 21st.

Miles Phillips shared Extension highlights. Agrilife conference update. Expressed the need to grow unity between all of the units. The Clearlake office will be relocating. National Extension and Tourism Conference in Galveston for 2015. Long Acres Ranch update. Dr. Walker health project, South Texas Health Initiative update. Dr. Martz working on youth programs and staff training to YDI Conference in San Marcos in April (2nd week).

Susan Scott reported on Undergraduates. Online teaching, sharing ideas, teaching strategies.

Wakonse Conference, express interest and see Dr. Ellis.

Critical Thinking Academy workshop, if you are interested, check website or Dr. Kim Dooley.

Petrick reported on Grad program growth. Grad student acceptance is slowing. Please see Irina if you want to get one accepted. We will support bringing a student to visit. Irina advised that COALS will not pay tuition for Master’s students. State funding has been reduced for masters students. If you have a special student please advise, there are other ways to get the funding. Phillips says that extension offers funds for grad students, please see him. There is other funding for grad students from COALS. 1/4 of 4 million.

Kelly-Pryor reported for Outley. 370 Online is going well. High marks. 474 is in the works. More grants for local and state level. YD very exciting.

Tourism management, Study abroad in Guanajuato Mex.

Enoh reports favorably on Hospitality program. Tourism and Hosp. certificates are closely related but different. PEMC and Hosp certificate online also. Must be an enrolled A&M student. Suggested making a graph for the website to explain the difference and the need for certificates. May do a class in E-learning for aoutsiden students.
Shafer reports on Schob Preserve. LAUP and RPTS collaborate together.

Gramann not here but Ellis reported on the Adv. Comm. that was held last year at the Bastrop State Park.

Phillips gave talk on Long Acres Ranch Nature preserve. longacresranch.tamu.edu

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Faculty Meeting – 2/27/15

No. 02 Credit Card fraud for about a week!
Recognition – Dr. Crompton (40 years), Dr. Scott (20 years)
50th Anniversary report – Dr. Hodges

Extension Report –
- Park and Rec. Conservation update – Dr. Graman
  - Update on committee meeting held in Nov. 2014 at Bastrop St. Park
  - 100th Anniversary of NPS – RPT$ & Bush Library
  - Corps of Cadets meeting – Vets outreach, over 1,000 on campus. Subject matter knowledge for their employment.
- Rec and Park Advisory Committee – Update – Dr. Shafer
  - To be talked about by Ellis later in meeting
- YD Advisory Committee – Dr. Kelly-Pryor – Update
  - Summit in May – classes with event management
- Hospitality Advisory Committee – Dr. Enoh – update – not many enrolled yet. Website is up and running.
- Field Trip – Fall Course 426/646 to encourage grads & UG. Woosman & Jamal. Santa Clara Guanowanto, May
  - Food, Energy across .... Nexxus?? Guanawato May support all across campus – President of Guanawato is an A&M Grad. Up to 25 students. Blending universities.
- Department Report Card Update – Ellis
  - Elevating standards of the University wide for goals
  - Extramural funding needs to be increased
  - Grant Productivity needs increased.
  - 75% drop from 2008 to 2014
  - Committee to plan to improve – Assoc. Prof
  - External Grant – Could drop in out Grant writing be equal to economy
  - This may harm support
  - Should we have more revenue track faculty? Kaiser
  - Research expenditures is one thing that is closely looked at by...
- Reconfigure adv. Groups around people who understand research money $
- Make research $ more visible in adv. Comm. Meetings
- Are there grant managers who help other departments? BK Pryor
  - Grant writers in the department – advocate
  - Advocate in dept. to deal with SRS
- Committee: Matarrita, McIntosh, Woosman, Phillips, Harrist, Jinmoo, shuett

Long Acres Ranch Project, Richmond TX – Mr. Kidda – Update

Pre-Ranger Program – Dr. Merritt
- Recruitment, training, job placement Program
- Fire Arm & No Fire Arm Rangers (Law enforcement Ranger)
- 1 Class in fall on US Park Ranger/ A&M & Prarie View
- Minority & Vets
- Start recruiting fall 2015-2016, Spring.
- Residency requirement (50 mile range) ??
- Do not have to be enrolled in RPTS
- Pathways Program – Govt. VRA vet preference.
- Certificate Program

NRPA – Aggie Breakfast/Reception
Booth? No
Breakfast? Ok per faculty
February Faculty meeting

* Dr. Shafer received an award for "Senior Schob Scholar" of the Schob Park Program.
* Dr. Dugas spoke regarding his appointment as "interim VC and Dean".
  * Question and answer session with Dr. Dugas.

* Dr. Crompton spoke on the PhD Colloquium

* Advisory Committee meetings need to be scheduled.

* Graduate student folder in Irina's office

* Dr. Price here to answer questions and provide assurance that the Buffett photo collection issue will be resolved.
  * Dr. Ellis prepared information to aid everyone with the details, history and past opportunities to provide our walls and department with photos.
  * Dr. Price provided the reasoning for why these photos are here and how we were chosen to display them.
  * Discussion regarding the mixed emotion and ideas of individuals.
  * Solution is to have a committee meet with Becky Phillips to create more cohesive groupings.

Faculty, Grads and Undergrads.

* Dr. Kaiser spoke on Exceptional item Request.

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Faculty meeting for the end of the year.

Kuddos to Dr. Durko and the RTPS on the Boots and BBQ event held on Thursday night!

Nothing from Extension

Undergrad Committee update by Susan Scott:

Nothing from the Grad Committee:

Specialized areas; Dr. Matarrita gave update on the certificates given. Sociology course discussed. Dr. Matarrita has become the coordinator of the journal of Community Development. Dr. Gramann discussed the 100th Anniversary of the NPS. Feb. 23, 2016. Dr. Enoh remarked about the Hospitality Certificate Program with 20 students, HFTP has reemerged with 10 members. Tourism, Dr. Jamal gave an update on the Mexico trip. $1K scholarship offered for students. Dr. Sams office is funding. Events, Mrs. Shafer talked about the first ever test for the certificate.

Colloquium feed back: Dr. Crompton. Recognized Dr. Shafer again for the award given at the banquet. He was recognized across the entire College of Ag. Dr. Crompton urged the faculty to be more involved. A change in date and time will be made for next year. Urged them to involve the students and not let them "cop out". Need more grad students involved. Need to offer food. Need to shorten the time allowed, 15 minutes and 5 minutes for rebuttal. need more people in attendance. each student possibly record the session. Maybe have a form for feed back. Discussants, question askers. Grad may ask the question first.

Taylor to discuss the IT changes. TAMU IT.... hiring not laying off. A lot of unknowns at this time. Email.... email migration. Gigs are the prime target here. Email name change. Departmental choice, do we want to do this? Some may still have two email addresses. P, S, and W drive to go away. May be 10K a year if changed. Back up's are not reliable. Centralization at this point does not look like a good thing. Taylor's suggestion is to stay with AIT and not go to TAMU IT. If there is a choice. Will not save money for RPTS. Slower response time. Alan Kirk is not forcing us to go to the other program, it just may not be our decision in the long run. Faculty Vote: Shafer made motion, Miculka seconded. Has not been discussed with the DH's of COALS. Move: Stay: unanimous.

Shred Bins: update by CLARA AGUILAR. new bins in several locations. Kitchen, grad lab, copy room.

Joint Advisory Committee meeting: great feed back and exchange of ideas. Professional Masters degree planning. Industry experience should be longer, internships could be extended. A mentor program.

Research Activity Group Meeting update: short update by Dr. Ellis. * New hires, potential of the person to add to our grants. Funding toward a lecturer. * Collaborate on a large grant, * Grant Writer,
* Skills inventory,
Dr. Matarrita, new hire should have a multi disciplinary back ground. More diversity. Dr. Stronza has had great success. Joelle/marketing has been our champion, website creation, maybe she could find out what is needed. Dr. Crompton says that we can't rely on a "new hire" to fix our problem. He also said we are not competitive. Our sources are not competitive. Dr. Schuett says it will raise our ranking if our grants are more competitive. we have industry streams. Dr. Kyle says if between a tenure track and a grant writer, we should take the tenure track. Dr. ellis in the DH meeting shared that the customers/constituents are being served well by us. We should not all be doing the same things. Grant writing is a time consuming process.

Learning Outcomes Assessment:
Data management, collection of these are in various forms, Qualtrics, scantron, online version of Qualtrics,
* reports are give to UG and Grad committees.

Accreditation review prep: This year. partnership with NRPA. Facutly may be need to do role play for review.

Core Curriculum position update: (Fox's position)

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