Rosson’s Roundup

The first week of the semester is behind us and things seem to be going pretty well. There are some new faces in the hallways and lots of familiar ones as well. I’ll report spring enrollment numbers in a couple of weeks.

I spent much of my time this week preparing materials for the Departmental review scheduled for January 22. Mark Waller and I will go up to the fifth floor to discuss accomplishments and lay out the plan for the upcoming year. My thanks to all of the A-TEAM members, plus Dee Cochran, Valerie Gerbig, Cindy Fazzino and Norma Pantoja for helping coordinate and compile all of the information we needed to get ready for this important activity. And, thanks to the faculty, who have submitted all of their evaluation materials. This information is a key part of what we discuss in the review and critical to our success - your efforts are appreciated! Next step – contact Valerie (valnoyes@tamu.edu) to schedule your annual review.

Flynn Adcock and I have been working with the Border Trade Alliance to help reduce cargo backlogs at Texas ports of entry, and that’s led to opportunities to showcase some of the Department’s capabilities to representatives of Customs and Border Protection and the Animal and Plant Health Protection Service. Thanks to Dean McCorkle, Rebekka Dudensing, David Anderson and Dan Hanselka for their contributions to this effort. I’m also continuing to work with the Texas-Cuba Trade Alliance, and we are planning a major educational event of Exporting to Cuba in the Washington, DC area for later this spring.

Finally, I’m in Guatemala Friday to review results of last year, coordinate programs for the upcoming year and to meet with prospective students. I’ll let you know how that process goes.

Kerry Litzenberg

My program focuses primarily on undergraduate teaching in the marketing, sales and sales management area and curriculum development and academic program evaluation. I have primarily been teaching AGEC 315, “Food and Agriculture Sales” in recent semesters. My research program focuses on economics of teaching and learning, student scholarship, career development and the impact of factors on the motivation and learning situation. My most recent publication, “Economic analysis of job-related attributes in undergraduate students’ initial job selection”, published in the Journal of Education Economics develops economic estimates for alternative locations, value of commute times and distances to natural resource amenities. Job recruiters and students can use knowledge of the magnitude of these economic premiums associated with these job attributes as the basis for employment negotiations.
Congratulations!!
At the 2013 Texas A&M AgriLife Conference this month, two Ag Economic professors received awards. Dr. Ari Michelsen received the 2012 Regents Fellow Service Award. Dr. Michelsen is Resident Director of the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at El Paso. Dr. Mike Haby received the 2012 Superior Service Team Award for his work on Establishing and Implementing Trade Adjustment Assistance for Gulf and South Atlantic Shrimp Fisherman Team.

Reminder!!
Monday, January 21, 2013 is a University holiday!

Join over 1,000 buyers and sellers at the 8th Annual Soy & Grain Trade Summit taking place October 21-23, 2013 in Minneapolis, MN. For more information, go to: www.soyandgraintrade.com.

Upcoming Birthdays
Suzy Pryor 1/20
Sandra Norman 1/24
John Siebert 2/1
Fred Boadu 2/18
Ron Griffin 2/18

Thank You!!
Anonymous Grad Student
for hosting Friday coffee

Position Announcements

Assistant/Associate Professor, Oregon State University, Agricultural & Resource Economics
The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AREc) seeks applications for a tenure-track Assistant/Associate Professor position. This will be a full-time (1.00 FTE), 9-month position with a primary focus in the discipline of Agricultural Business Management. Ph.D. in agricultural economics, economics, business administration, management, marketing, or closely related field at the time of appointment. To review job posting and apply, go to: http://oregonstate.edu/jobs. Apply to posting #023550. When applying, you will be required to attach the following documents; resume/vita, cover letter of that clearly addresses all of the required qualifications and the preferred qualifications of the position; a statement of philosophy of teaching and research; names, addresses, and full complete contact information of four professional references; transcripts of all college and university work. Materials that cannot be attached electronically may be sent to: Cheryl.hoflich@oregonstate.edu. Please contact Penny Diebel at penelope.diebel@oregonstate.edu with questions about the position.

Assistant Professor, West Texas A&M University, Agricultural Business and Economics,
This is a nine-month, tenure track (60% teaching 30% research and 10% service) position that reports to the Head of the Department of Agricultural Sciences. Ph.D. in agricultural economics, economics, agribusiness, or closely related field, Demonstrated commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and service. Closing Date: April 1, 2013. Position is available September 1, 2013. Salary and benefits are competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. Potential for summer salary from teaching and/or extramural research funding is available. Applicants should provide a letter of interest, official transcripts, resume, a statement of current and future research interests and arrange for at least three letters of reference to be sent to: Dr. Lal Almas, Search Committee Chair, Department of Agricultural Sciences, WTAMU Box 60998, Canyon, TX 79016-0001, Phone (806) 651-2550, Fax (806) 651-2938, E-mail: lalmas@wtamu.edu.

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