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Rosson’s Roundup

Well, we made it through the first week of classes and everything is still intact and functioning. Let me provide a quick overview of our undergraduate enrollment for the fall. We have 579 students enrolled, 225 are in Agricultural Economics and 354 are in Agribusiness. In addition, there are 37 Agribusiness students enrolled in the Mays Business School. Of those, nine are classified as upper level and 28 are freshmen and sophomores. This group of students in Mays is the largest we have had in many years. Thanks to Pam Vernon for providing these preliminary numbers on enrollment. I’ll report on graduate enrollment next week.

I want to congratulate David Anderson for receiving the Superior Service Award from the Livestock Marketing Information Center. This award is given for “exceptional and distinguished service to the livestock industry and outstanding contributions to multi-state Extension cooperation and leadership of the Livestock Marketing Information Center.” The award is presented by James Robb, Center Director, and Derrell Peel, Chair-LMIC. Great work, David, and thanks for your outstanding contributions!!

We had three excellent candidates interview this week for our position in Industrial Organization and Quantitative Analysis. They were Vardges Hovhannisyan, Yuqing Zheng and Yu (Yvette) Zhang. Thanks to each of them, and to our entire faculty, staff, and students who participated and assisted with this important process. I hope to have more to report on the outcome of the search next week.

Levi Russell starts his new role as Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist next week in Corpus Christi. Welcome aboard Levi and thanks for joining our ranks. We all look forward to working with you. If anyone is heading down towards the Corpus area, please stop by the Research and Extension Center to welcome Levi.

Finally, remember, today at 5:30 the Graduate Student Association is having a BBQ at Jim Mjelde’s home. My understanding is that Jim and Kerry Litzenberg are doing the cooking, so it should be great food. Thanks for Jenny Gvillo, GSA President, for organizing the event and to Jim Mjelde for hosting. Hope to see all of you there.

Remember, opening football game is tomorrow at noon against our old Southwest Conference foe, the Rice Owls. It’s on television, but there’s nothing like Kyle Field at 100 degrees! Gig ‘em, Aggies!
Position Announcements

**Assistant Professor**, California State University, Fresno, Jordan College of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Agricultural Business Dept. This position will teach primarily in agricultural finance management, agricultural marketing, and/or agribusiness management, but may be asked to teach in other areas as needed. The successful candidate will be expected to: demonstrate excellence in teaching and advising; advise student organizations and competitive teams; develop and maintain a productive program of applied research that focuses on California agriculture and complements the teaching responsibilities; establish close working relationships with agricultural industries, organizations and governmental agencies; work effectively with the College's Center for Agricultural Business; and obtain external grants/contracts to match available internal funds of the university. An earned doctorate (Ph.D.) in Agricultural Economics or related discipline from an accredited institution or equivalent is required. Candidates nearing completion of the Ph.D. (ABD) may be considered for the position, but their degree must be completed by prior to appointment. To ensure the full consideration, applicants should submit all application materials by 9/15/2013. Apply online at: http://jobs.csufresno.edu/ and upload the following materials: curriculum vitae, cover letter, names and contact information of three references and copies of transcripts. In addition, candidates invited to interview on campus will be required to submit official transcripts and three letters of reference mailed directly to: Dr. Srini Konduru, Search Committee Chair, Department of Agricultural Business, California State University, Fresno, 5245 N. Backer Ave M/S PB101, Fresno, CA 93740, Phone: (559) 278-2949 Fax: (559) 278-6536, E-mail address: skonduru@csufresno.edu

**Assistant / Associate Professor** Position In Agricultural Business for the College of Agriculture California State University, Chico. The College of Agriculture is searching for a tenure track Assistant or Associate Professor in the Agricultural Business program to start January or August, 2014. California State University, Chico is seeking faculty who are competent in their field, collaborative with colleagues and staff, and committed to student success. Position is contingent on funding. The minimum education requirement for appointment to this position is a PhD in Agricultural Economics or related area such as Marketing, Finance, or Business. Candidates nearing completion of the doctorate may be considered. However, completion of the earned PhD is required before the first day of hire to the tenure track position. This tenure-track position carries responsibilities in the areas of teaching, scholarship and service (including student advising). Teaching assignments are based upon qualifications of the individual and the needs of the department. All applicants must complete the Application for Academic Employment Form, which is available on-line at: http://www.csuchico.edu/faaf/facultyrecruit/facultyapplication.doc to be submitted with CV, teaching philosophy, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation to: Dr. Eric Houk, Search Committee Chair, College of Agriculture (Zip 310), 400 West First Street Chico, California 95929-0310, (530) 898-4146, ehouk@csuchico.edu

Faculty, staff, and graduate students are encouraged to submit articles and photos on current events Deadline for all submissions is noon, Thursday. Please send your information to valnoyes@tamu.edu