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Upcoming Events

October

24th-Ty Timm Assembly
25th-Aggies have a by
31st-Halloween

November

1st-Aggies vs ULM
2nd-Daylight Savings Time Ends

Rosson's Roundup

This week I had a meeting with Provost Karan Watson, along with nine other department heads from other colleges. Much of the discussion centered on the PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) report and how we will need to respond to their recommendations. The main areas being considered are HR, IT, Finance, Advising and Communications. Most of the focus is on Finance, HR and IT. What specifically may occur remains to be determined.

The Provost also discussed the importance of metrics and how they affect our standing in AAU rankings and our quest toward our goals in Vision 20/20. She noted the importance of balancing AAU metrics with our obligations as a Land-Grant institution. What this means for us is that we need to be able to identify and quantify the components of our mission that are unique, and then communicate that uniqueness to the Provost and others.

All University department heads met with Dean of Faculties Michael Benedik Wednesday at noon to receive an update on the conversion of faculty to non-vacation leave accruing appointments. One of the interesting things he pointed out was that about 60 percent of faculty at Texas A&M do not currently accrue vacation leave. There were not changes to anything that I sent our earlier from the Provost and the various details of the change are being developed. Timelines for implementation will vary by College.

This week I also met with two groups of freshmen for new student orientation. I provided an overview of the Department and Texas A&M, and emphasized the importance of academics, time management and getting involved in student clubs and associations. My main message, though, was Excellence through Tradition, building on the Core Values of Texas A&M, their importance in daily life and the development of a strong professional reputation. I think the message was well received. This appears to be an excellent group of young people and I hope this is coming through in your contact with them in class and other venues.

Friday I'm meeting with a group of former students to discuss strategic visioning and their role in how we might move forward with some of our initiatives. I'll have more to report on this over the next few weeks.

Saturday evening the COALS Legacy and Leadership Banquet will be held in the MSC. Ken Hogan, '99 is being recognized as a 2014 Outstanding Early Career Alumni. Ken is an Agricultural Economics graduate and is now Head of Foreign Exchange for Cadence Bank, located in Houston. I think there's lots of potential for him to visit with our students and bring a strong 'real world' perspective to many of our courses.

Have a great weekend!

Oops! Last week I indicated that Daylight Savings Time ended on Sunday, October 26th. IT DOESN'T!!!!

It ends on November 2nd! So don't fall back yet or you'll be an hour early for work on Monday!!

New Publication

"Discounting the Distant Future: An Experimental Investigation." Therese Grijalva, Jayson Lusk, and W. Douglass Shaw. Environmental and Resource Economics, 2014, 59: (1/September) 39-63.

Upcoming Birthdays

Parr Rosson	10/24
Tiffany Dowell	11/1
Dee Cochran	11/6
Brian Herbst	11/12
Jeanelle Windham	11/12



Thank You!!

Dmitry Vedenov

for hosting Friday Coffee



Position Announcements

Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Wyoming. 9-month, tenure-track, Assistant Professor position (50% research, 45% teaching, 5% service). We seek a candidate who will eagerly develop a scholarly program in one or more of the following areas: agribusiness marketing, sales, or management; agricultural market structure and performance; agricultural supply chain management; U.S. or international food/agricultural distribution systems. For more information on the department, please visit: <http://www.uwyo.edu/agecon/>. Applicants must have a PhD or equivalent degree at the time of hire in Agricultural Business, Agricultural Economics, Applied Economics, Business, or Economics with a specialization in agribusiness. To be considered please send (via email as a PDF file, if possible) the following items to Dr. Christopher T. Bastian (Search Committee Chair), care of Ms. Janet Marsh [windsong@uwyo.edu]: 1) a cover letter outlining qualifications and career goals, 2) a curriculum vita, 3) names and contact information for three professional references, 4) a statement of teaching philosophy, and 5) a working research paper or recent publication. Individuals with questions are encouraged to contact Dr. Bastian by email [bastian@uwyo.edu] or telephone [+1 (307) 766-4377]. Review of applications will begin January, 26, 2015. Dr. Christopher T. Bastian, Chair of Faculty Search Committee, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Dept. 3354, 1000 E. University Ave., Laramie, Wyoming 82071, Phone: 01-307-766-4377; Fax: 01-307-766-5544, E-mail: bastian@uwyo.edu

The Food and Resource Economics Department at the University of Florida has 5 position openings for post-doctoral associates in a variety of areas. More information on each position can be found on the AAEA job website.

- **Postdoctoral Research Associate market research and consumer behavior:** The incumbent in this position is expected to develop a research program in the area of horticulture economics. Application Deadline: To ensure full consideration please send materials by **October 26, 2014**. Contact Dr. Zhifeng Gao (zfgao@ufl.edu) for more information.
- **Postdoctoral Research Associate Production Economics:** The incumbent in this position is expected to develop a research program in the area of production economics and farm management, and conduct analysis of crop production, disease and pest management, and other production issues. Application Deadline: To ensure full consideration please send materials by **October 26, 2014**. Contact Dr. Zhengfei Guan (guanz@ufl.edu) for more information.
- **Postdoctoral Research Associate Labor Economics:** The incumbent in this position is expected to develop a research program in the area of labor economics, and conduct analysis of agricultural labor supply, mobility, wage and other labor issues. Application Deadline: To ensure full consideration please send materials by **October 26, 2014**. Contact Dr. Zhengfei Guan (guanz@ufl.edu) for more information.
- **Postdoctoral Research Associate market research and consumer behavior:** The incumbent in this position is expected to develop a research program in the area of citrus marketing and economics. Application Deadline: To ensure full consideration please send materials by **November 15, 2014**. Contact Dr. Lisa House (lahouse@ufl.edu) for more information.
- **Postdoctoral Research Associate market research and consumer behavior:** The incumbent in this position is expected to develop a research program in the area of fruit marketing and economics. Application Deadline: To ensure full consideration please send materials by **November 15, 2014**. Contact Dr. Lisa House (lahouse@ufl.edu) for more information.

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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