Minutes of Agronomy Faculty Meeting – July 26, 2012

Present: Ken Quesenberry, Diane Rowland, John Erickson, Jay Ferrell, Ken Langeland, Fred Fishel, Kevin Kenworthy, Luke Flory, Jerry Bennett, Jianping Wang, Amy Alexander, Rose Koenig, Ken Boote, Yoana Newman, Barry Brecke, Ramon Leon, Lynn Sollenberger, and Jeff Fedenko

**Budget**

Faculty budgets will be released approximately 8 August.

Faculty are requested to maintain a current Hatch Project so that federal funds can be allocated to them.

Starting with the 2013/14 fiscal year the department will no longer pay for an on-campus parking space for faculty members. Spaces are currently paid through June 30, 2013, but if faculty wish to maintain those spaces they will need to make the $3,000 payment in May 2013. The money that had been used to pay for parking spaces is now being allocated to faculty members.

**McCarty Move**

The fire inspection is scheduled for August 7 or 8 and the move will follow.

**Search Committees**

The World Food Crop Breeder position is now approved. David Sammons is chair of the committee. Other members are Altpeter, Wang, Bowen, Rowland, Kenworthy, Tillman, Reau de Rochars, and Van Sickle.

The Forage Breeder Search Committee will be chaired by Dr. Kenworthy and other members include Altpeter, Blount, Sollenberger, Adesogan, and Don Quincy.

The Forage Management (Marianna) Search Committee will be chaired by Dr. Tillman, and other members include DiLorenzo, Blount, Vendramini, Sollenberger, Mack Glass (clientele), Henry McCrone (clientele), and Doug Mayo (county faculty).

The members of the Department Chair search committee have been recommended to Dr. Payne and their official appointment is pending.

**Field Days**

Perennial Peanut Field Day at the Beef Research Unit was held on July 21. WFREC Field Day is on August 14. The Turfgrass Field Day is on October 11, and the Peanut Field Day will be held on August 23.

**Recognition**

Blaire Colvin received the Bailey Award. Jeff Fedenko attended the Borlaug Summer Institute for Global Food Security.
McCarty HUB

Faculty should begin using full account numbers when submitting Pcard receipts because this will be the approach used when the HUB is operational. Also, faculty should input leave on line.

Updating the Research Roadmap

We need to update our list of priority positions as most of the positions identified have been filled. Program Area Committees are asked to meet before the next faculty meeting to identify priorities.

Curriculum

A one day retreat will occur this fall to review graduate and undergraduate curricula. Possible dates will be determined using a doodle poll.

Program Area Committees should discuss courses currently taught or needed in their area when they meet to address hiring priorities.

Departmental Open House

The possibility was discussed of the Agronomy Department hosting an open house this fall after we move into our new facilities and in recognition of the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Act. A committee will meet to explore options for this activity.