

MINUTES
Departmental Meeting
Tuesday, December 3, 10:00 a.m.
129 AGLS

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| 1. | 10:00 – 10:15 | <p>Welcome/Announcements/Bus Recognition
No Elliot report this month.</p> <p>Bus presentations:
Stroud to Cochran
Ho to Stavinoha
Hancock to V Rutherford</p> | Elliot |
| 2. | 10:15 – 10:30 | <p>Undergraduate Program Update
See Attachment A.
Enrollment up – for the four majors the enrollment is at 1,295.</p> <p>All four majors have submitted curriculum changes to meet the new core curriculum requirements for 2014.</p> <p>For Fall 2014, curriculum changes to meet the new core curriculum will mean adding one extra hours of science and that physical education going away. ALEC 450 has been approved.</p> <p>There are two new minors – LDAG and IDAG.</p> <p>Workgroup is asked to review Fall and Summer course offerings. Sarah will send previous schedule for review before break.</p> | Rutherford |
| | 10:30 – 10:45 | <p>Graduate Program Update
In Dr. Murphy's absence, Clarice gave the graduate program update.</p> <p>Dr. McKim is the chair of a committee reviewing the current departmental research sequence. They will report back to the graduate faculty at the next scheduled meeting.</p> <p>The vote on whether or not to offer a Ph.D. degree through our joint, online doctoral program has been tabled until the next graduate faculty meeting. Concern was expressed over what the vote was really on. Texas Tech is waiting on our response.</p> <p>There is a new COALS Graduate Program Grant available to enhance and elevate six programs. Dr. Reed anticipates awarding 6 to 10 grants of \$15,000 or less.</p> <p>Dr. Elliot reminded everyone that no extra summer funding is available for teaching at this time.</p> | Murphy |

3. 10:45 – 11:30 Faculty Meeting
AIMS Info/Demo Cochran/Elliot
Tenure and Promotion Update Elliot/Larke/Wingenbach
Departmental Advisory Committee Elliot

Travel Request Form Deadlines

Domestic (30 days prior to trip): e.g., travel January 1, 2014 due by December 1, 2013
International (60 days prior to trip): e.g., travel February 1, 2014 due by December 1, 2013

Upcoming Events

December 13, ALEC Holiday Movie and Lunch, 11:30 a.m., AGLS Classroom 114
December 23-January 1, Christmas/New Year's
February 1-4, Southern Region AAAE, Dallas (Papers due October 14th, Posters due October 21st)
April 27 – May 1 AIAEE, Miami, (Abstracts/posters due by November 1)

Future Departmental Meetings

Thursday, January 16 @ 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 25 @ 9:00 a.m.
Monday, March 17 @ 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, April 17 @ 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 14 @ 8:30 (breakfast at 7:45 to 8:30)

Undergraduate Program Update – December 3, 2013

Enrollment: 1,295 undergraduates

AGCJ	327 majors, 16 minors
AGSC	168 majors
ALED	580 majors
USAL	223 majors

Curriculum updates

1. All four majors have submitted curriculum changes to meet the new core curriculum requirements for 2014.

The core curriculum of Texas A&M University for students entering in 2014, reflecting new mandates from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, will consist of 42 lower division hours and include:

- Science, 9 hours
- Math, 6 hours
- Communication, 6 hours
- Political Science, 6 hours
- History, 6 hours
- Creative Arts, 3 hours
- Philosophy, Culture and Language, 3 hours
- Social and behavioral science, 3 hours

2. ALEC 450
Approved Social and Behavioral Sciences & ICD, Fall 2014
3. LDAG – Leadership Studies in Agriculture Minor – Ho
9 hours – ALED 202, ALED 301, ALED 340
3 hours – ALED 341, ALED 342, ALED 344, ALED 400, ALED 424, ALED 440
3 hours- ALED 482 seminar
4. IDAG - International Ag Development Minor 2014 – Wingenbach
3 hours - AGCJ 491; 9 hours - ALED 422, ALED 442, ALEC 350, ALEC 450
6 hours – Upper division foreign language or approved international experience
5. Undergrad Curriculum Committee meetings
 - a. Chair, Deb Dunsford
 - b. Purpose: Review all new courses (289, 380, 489), course changes, curriculum changes
 - c. Meets monthly as needed
 - d. January 15 deadline for next meeting
6. Fall grade deadlines
 - a. Dec 12 @ 6 pm degree candidates
 - b. Dec 16 @ noon all other students
7. International Agriculture Academic scholarships
 - a. \$21,750 distributed to Fall applicants (35 applications, 3 declined award)
 - b. Spring deadline: February 15, 2014