**Strategic Research Planning Committee Retreat Agenda**

**December 10th, 2015, 9am-2pm, 207 McClelland Park – Room 207**

9:00-9:05 Welcome – Eliot & Rod

9:05-9:45 The funding problem & dissecting the problem -– Eliot

Where SPS is for external research funding

Numbers and history

Types of funding and ranges

Grant costs - What can a PI buy with a given range of grants?

Discussion

9:45-10:15 Perspectives

Sangita – CALS/UA Resources and seed grants

Parker – CALS/UA Emerging expectations for research

10:15-11:00 - General Discussion/Coffee Break

11:00-2:00 - Working toward solving the funding problem (working lunch- talks & discussions)

1. Leveraging campus to translation- working with YAC, MAC, USDA Kurt, Rick, John
2. Create larger buy in support from AZ ag. – Karen, Kurt, Rick
3. Plan for future infrastructure needs- determine needs and compete for funds. David, Rod
4. Develop broader connections within CALS (ABE, ARE, AE, E, NSFCS, SACBS, SNRE, SWES, EEB, MCB, CBC) Rod – Idea for joint seminars, others
5. Develop graduate student support independent of individual grants (RA support) Betsy, others
6. Become known for things- make the Arid Lands Ag and Environment a multidisplinary priority- future hires - Eliot and others
7. Link future hires to ability to obtain research funds and to build on center of excellence (Arid lands, Biotech ?, others ?) Chieri, Rick, Kurt, others.
8. Develop an internal SPS education and outreach plan to help secure NSF funds – Eliot, others
9. International grant opportunities- more awareness is needed Rod (HZAU, IRRI), others.