

SPLS Faculty Meeting: 2/24/23
Forbes 229
In person: Zoom will be available

11:00-11:30 Early Lunch and social interactions.

11:30 Updates on IT Centralization (Matt Rahr). Matt has promised a short presentation followed by open discussion.

- Information put together and provided to CALS in response to a new and accelerated timeline provided by Jeff Ratje. In the interest of transparency, I'd like to inform the faculty: (a) Details of the new Ratje planning process. (b) What we have identified as Unit Activities for the next time period (see excel sheet). (c) How we should plan for the future to get faculty input coordinated with the current CALS timeline.

Ultimately, we want to identify the best way to handle transparency, and your input and ideas are valued.

- Revised courtesy appointment guidelines and vote (Marc Orbach).
- Search committee updates (Director, Extension positions).
- Grad committee recruitment event, starting Monday Feb 27 afternoon and all-day Tuesday Feb 28. Monica asked me to publicize this and urge participation. Please see the google doc link (below) and sign up for any invited student you might be interested in meeting and to mingle with candidate graduate students at some of the group evening events. We are requesting that the primary faculty member that has shown interest in a candidate take the lead to ensure each candidate has a full schedule on Tuesday.

Monday Feb 27: Gentle Ben's 4:30pm – all are welcome!

Tuesday Feb 26 TBD – 2 smaller groups – one PLP (organized by Judy Brown) and one PLS (organized by Dave Baltrus and/or Mark Beilstein)

Here is the link to the google doc:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Y3r1MA3xPhqJlZ5XREPIei2HFI0m7lqTitiOh5NAt4Y/edit?usp=sharing>

Details for each student application are available via the GradApp

(<http://apply.grad.arizona.edu/user/login>). Please contact Amanda if you do not have access.

- What happened at the recent Yuma Southwest Ag Summit, which was held Wednesday and Thursday (<https://yumafreshveg.com/southwest-ag-summit/#FEB23>). I can provide a summary of how that region and their stakeholders are reacting to the Colorado crisis, and how we might help (David).
- All-unit meeting to be scheduled with the Dean. Mainly this relates to the best time to schedule this required meeting, and identifying topics we would like to discuss.

- Should/Do units or college supply bridge funding?
 - Infrastructure in Marley.
- Updates regarding new international endeavors (Morocco, Shelley?).
- Open floor. Welcome 'good news' in a variety of pursuits (research, teaching, extension, professional societies etc., including by postdocs, graduate students, etc.... if they want it publicized)? Ask faculty how/what they want to share? [Ursula and Betsy to lead]
- AOB.
- Timing of next faculty meeting.