

College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences Advisory Team for the Future of Agricultural Research

This advisory team will serve a critical role in helping ACES improve the effectiveness and focus of its Agricultural Science Centers (ASCs). The members are drawn from the groups of our research community. They have experience and commitment to the statewide responsibilities of the ASCs and are potentially the most affected by the future success of the ASCs. This is an action-oriented group in charge of defining options for ASC support. The advisory team will meet in person or electronically several times, and will develop a set of recommendations to be presented to the Dean. This advisory team is part of the larger ACES/NMSU initiative of reexamining our structure and roles in education, Extension, and research.

Problem: Lack of resources to adequately support the Agricultural Experiment Station System network in NM.

Outcome: Define options for ensuring the future success of the Agricultural Experiment Station (AES) System.

1. Find more resources – More state/federal \$\$, grants, donations, sales, etc.
2. Redirect ASC research
3. Close/consolidate ASCs
4. Other options

Tentative Timeline: Initial meeting will be face-to-face and will help us define how to be the most effective team.

1. July 19 – Initial meeting to provide materials and discuss the charge of this group. Committee members will solicit input from their peers summarize options and concerns and prepare to present information.
2. Week of August 1– Second meeting to discuss options and begin putting together recommendations.
3. Week of August 28 – Finalize tentative recommendations and get permission from administration to solicit input from stakeholders and ACES community.
4. Week of September 18 or earlier depending on deadlines for stakeholder input - Produce final document to help direct future support for AES network.

Advisory Team Composition (14 to 16 members):

1. Natalie Goldberg, Interim Associate Dean and AES Director – Co-Chair
2. Steve Loring, AES Associate Director – Co-Chair/Facilitator
3. Bruce Davis, Rancher, member of the Advisory Board at Clayton
4. Roland Sanchez, MD from Belen
5. Dino Cervantes, Chile Processor, Las Cruces
6. Blake Curtis, Seed Producer, Clovis
7. Dina Chacón-Reitzel, NM Beef Council

8. Shad Cox, Superintendent Corona
9. Steve Guldán, Superintendent Alcalde
10. Jane Pierce, Assoc. Professor Artesia ASC
11. Shengrui Yao, Assoc. Professor Alcalde ASC
12. Dave Lowry, Farm Manager Leyendecker
13. Aaron Scott, Farm Manager Clovis
14. Stephanie Walker, Assoc. Professor EPS
15. Clint Loest, Professor ANRS
16. Jerry Sims, Department Head EPWS

Background materials to be provided to all advisory team members:

1. Staffing at each ASC – faculty, staff, temporary
2. Operations funding for each ASC
 - a. Include specifics about funding (State, Federal, PI totals, base totals)
 - b. History of the funding (legislative, state, etc.)
3. Other sources of revenue for each ASC
 - a. Sales
 - b. Grants and contracts
 - c. Gifts
4. Deferred maintenance at each ASC
5. Internal SWOT analyses
6. Site descriptions
 - a. Acreage – irrigated
 - b. Buildings
 - c. Land ownership

Agenda and Discussion Topics for AES Research Advisory Team Meeting
Bernalillo County Extension Office
1510 Menaul Ext. Blvd, NW, Albuquerque, NM
19 July 2017, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

1. Welcome (Dean Rolando Flores)
2. Introductions
3. Format of Team meetings
 - a. Face-to-face
 - b. Electronic
 - c. Subcommittees as needed
4. Background information
 - a. Mission of AES and each ASC
 - i. Structure
 - ii. Unique features
 - iii. Reason for location
 - b. Political and local support
 - i. What is needed
 - ii. How assessed
 - iii. How maintained
 - c. How research needs are defined
 - d. Review of funding
 - i. How funded (sources)
 - ii. How much
 - iii. How distributed
 - iv. Growing cash crops
5. What is needed by ASCs
 - a. Personnel
 - b. Equipment
 - c. Infrastructure
6. How obtain resources
7. How evaluate productivity/effectiveness of different centers in different environments
 - a. Is there a common set of metrics?
8. Future structure of Agricultural Experiment Station System
 - a. Need to consolidate ASCs?
 - i. If so, how to do it
 - ii. How choose?
 1. Potential impact?
 2. Ownership of land?
9. What would private/public partnership look like?
10. Other issues as identified by Advisory Team