Senior Administrators Retreat – 2010

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Major Accomplishments

- A recent NSF report ranked CAES #4 (we will be ranked #3 in the October NSF report) in ag research for the U.S. (behind Purdue, U of FL, and UC – Davis).
- Enrollment has topped 1,800 – an all time record for the college.
- Percent female students in CAES is now 54% while minority enrollment is steadily rising.
- Graduate enrollment has been a weak spot for the college. As a result of a variety of new programs, we have reached our goal of 100 new graduate students.
- Study abroad participation has increased with CAES now being ahead of the university average. We were far below the average just three years ago. New courses, marketing and scholarships have dramatically changed the situation.
- Development – The CAES Development Office has been expanded and the investment is paying off. CAES has led or is close to the top school/college for fundraising.
- Dean's Promise – The Dean's Promise is very successful. It has become a valuable tool for recruiting, fund raising and promotion in Atlanta/DC.
- Ag Forecast – CAES sponsored an agricultural forecast in 2009. Five seminars are held throughout the state and each was a "sell-out". Our Forecasts have become one of the prime planning tools used by farmers/agribusiness professionals.
- Developed an on-line dossier development and tracking system for P and T. This may be a template for the rest of the university.
- The CAES Cooperative Extension is considered one of the best in the US. Last year, we had 111,816 educational contact hours making it by far the single largest outreach component of the University.
- Ag Business Seminar – We have significantly enhanced our interaction with local business (AGCO for example). We are offering regular training seminars and sessions (for a fee). This is building a strong relationship with these large companies which I expect to pay off later.
- Gardening in Georgia – This show is rapidly expanding to other states (the new name to reflect the regional nature of the show is "Your Southern Garden". We have signed agreements with FL and AL and hope to have an agreement this year with SC and possibly TN. Next to Friday night high school football, this is the most popular show on public TV. Check out the Executive Producer on the show.
- Completed my visits to all 159 extension offices in GA.

- National leadership – I am the incoming head of the Board on Agricultural Assembly (U.S. Ag deans) as well as the current chair for the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists. I am on the APLU Board of Directors.

Goals Not Met and Abandoned

- MS program in China – Due to Chinese bureaucracy and lack of UGA faculty interest, I have abandoned my vision of a MS degree offered in the area of "food trade" in Shanghai, China. The consolation prize is that a yearly symposium between two universities in Shanghai and UGA has been created to examine issues affecting the bilateral trade of food and feed. The symposium will be held this year in Shanghai in October.
- Executive (Harvard-like) program – Despite my best efforts, the high level, executive seminar in agribusiness has been abandoned. We struggled for two years but with the poor economy, many large companies have dropped enrollment to the point it was not sustainable.

Goals and Priorities for Coming Year

- We plan to continue to grow both enrollment and student credit hours (graduate and undergraduate) – despite the fact that we have fewer faculty due to budget cuts. Our goal for numbers has been revised upward to about 2,000 undergraduate and 450 graduate students. I hope that funds will continue to follow student credit hours. Source of funding – Provost.
- Increase international activity and recognition. CAES is the #3 (or #4) ag college in the US, yet we have a minimal international program that is eclipsed by much smaller schools. I will focus activities on grant opportunities for large projects.
- Diversity enhancement – we will continue to seek opportunities to enhance diversity of the college, including raising funds for scholarships.
- Enhance collaboration with Fort Valley State University – I have authorized three assistantships to be dedicated to support FV students. Source of Funding: CAES Academic Affairs.
- Grow the dean's promise – This is a major college initiative where each incoming student is promised the chance for a significant out-of-classroom experience. Experiences include internships, study abroad, leadership positions etc. Source of funds: This is a long term development effort to raise endowed funds. Estimated cost – about $5M via development.
- Initiate an educational program to replace the 22% of our budget lost since 2008.