Agricultural Faculty Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2017
Deans of Agriculture Auditorium
Attendance – 42
Presiding – Dean Jay Akridge

Call to Order
Dean Akridge called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Approval of Agenda
A motion was introduced by Natalie Carroll to approve the agenda and seconded by John Graveel to approve as is. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Reports and Updates
Graduate Education – Shawn Donkin

Introduction and Overview
• Seen tremendous growth in graduate education over the past 5 years
• Each of our departments have graduate programs that serves 709 graduate students. There are also students in the interdisciplinary program. There are about 295 Ag faculty who are also apart of grad school faculty
• Covered the number of TAs, Fellows, etc.
• Discussed COA grad enrollment in comparison to other Purdue colleges (4th largest program, 8% of grad students at Purdue)

Recent trends in enrollment:
• Increased graduate student in Ag and other colleges at Purdue over the last unknown years

Enrollment-Degree Objective:
• 60% of 709 COA graduate students are seeking PhD

Enrollment-Gender Distribution:
• 53% Male, 47% Female, in COA grad programs
• Relatively flat change in females over the last 5 years; previous 5 years we had more

COA Enrollment- International:
• 44.5% international
• Majority of students are from Indiana

Underrepresented Groups:
• Our target should reflect the percentage in STEM disciplines across the country
• URM are 14% of Domestic Grad Students in COA (14% at Purdue)

Joe Anderson asked: What is the breakdown of the minority pool that we are recruiting from?
Shawn Donkin replied: I do not have that on top of my head, but can provide it. The goal is 20% URM by 2020 in College of Agriculture.

**Time to Degree:**
- Average PhD 4.35 years
- Average MS 2.06 years

**Strategic Plan:**
- Delighted that this plan includes graduate education in 10 different areas
- Grad Students say they want to connect with other grad students
- 390 students participated in Spring 2017 Graduate Workshops and Presentations; 85% of attendees found value
- CCO has been an excellent partner, they have a dedicated individual who works with graduate students

**Activities, Challenges, Opportunities:**
- Each department has a trifold brochure for recruiting graduate students
- Give out 1 Million dollars in fellowships
- Over Spring Break 2017, took groups to Monsanto

**Q&A**
Dean Akridge asked: Will you do professional development in the spring or will you add it in the fall?
Shawn Donkin replied: Yes, will continue to offer fall and spring.

Linda Lee stated: I have a comment: Your office deciding to fund diversity fellowships has really benefitted our recruiting efforts. I am not suggesting you take money away from other areas, but we really do see the benefit.

Shawn Donkin replied:
1. We have doubled the applicant pool over the past 5 years
2. Once we saw that we were able to see need financially and find money that we repurposed for fellowships

Dean Akridge: Thank you for your leadership.

**Proposed Revisions of the Agricultural Faculty Constitution – Kolapo Ajuwon**

Summarized process of constitution review, then covered the 3 major changes
1. Article IV: Section 4: Administrative Committees
2. Article V: Section B, Election Procedure
3. Article IV: Section 2: part ii CSRC

Dean Akridge asked Colleen Brady to discuss CSRC.

Colleen Brady:
- Spoke about the CSRC amendment to the constitution which streamlines the process of approval of curricular changes.
- Thanked members and Mike Saunders who will chair next year
- Covered HLA document and our intent to streamline which addresses UEAC-01
- Covered Concentrations added by ABE/ASM
Dean Akridge: Thanked Colleen and members of CSRC.

Memorial Resolutions
The following memorial resolutions were presented:

i. Thomas L. Housley by Joseph Anderson
ii. James L. Ahlrichs by John Graveel
iii. Raymond J.G.M. Florax by Kenneth Foster

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of each of these emeritus members of the faculty. Copies of the resolutions are appended to these minutes.

Consent Agenda
Dean Akridge noted that consent agenda items were distributed prior to the meeting. Dean Akridge asked if anyone wished to remove items from the consent agenda for additional consideration. There were no requests to do so. Natalie Carroll introduced a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Chris Staiger and was passed unanimously.

Standing Committee Reports:

1. Agenda and Policy Committee – Kolapo Ajuwon
   • Indicated that the committee had considered several items of interest and importance at its meetings and had made recommendations to Dean Akridge.
   • Stated that Bryan Young been elected as chairperson of the committee for the 2017-18 academic year.
   • Also, the committee prepared agenda for the 2016 Fall Semester and 2017 Spring Semester Agricultural Faculty meetings.

2. Area Promotions – Jay Akridge
   • Met in fall, 6 assistant, all advanced. 10 associate, 8 advanced
   • Announcements will come in April
   • Worked on new promotion and tenure guidelines
   • University Faculty Scholars was reviewed and will come out soon
   • College put one individual forward for Honorary Doctorate which was not accepted

3. Curriculum and Student Relations Committee – Colleen Brady
   Highlighted more aspects of the consent agenda. Including the revised Readmission Policy.
   • Covered Proposed CSRC Resolutions/Deadlines:

   1. October 15 for new courses, new minors and new majors, concentrations to be offered the subsequent Summer or Fall semester.
   2. Deadline of February 15 for changes to the 8 semester Plan of Study for Fall; and for new courses for the subsequent Spring semester.
   3. Any curricular changes would take place over the course of three CSRC meetings; presentation, discussion, vote.
   4. Grad courses must be approved by the Grad Council prior to submission to CSRC. Grad courses would be on the same schedule as above for Ag Faculty approval.
• Also, stated that departments need to think/plan at least one year in advance of when they want to institute a change to plan of study/curriculum.

4. Grade Appeals – Jay Akridge for J. Marcos Fernandez
One grade appeal this year, it did not go forward because it was not approved.

University Senate Report – Jo Ann Banks
Summarized two Resolutions from Faculty Senate from spring 2017.; (1) Senate Document 16-05: Course Evaluation Resolution and (2) Senate Document 16-07: Resolution in Support of the Student-led Honor Pledge. A copy of the report provided by Jo Ann Banks is appended to these minutes.

Dean Akridge stated that there will be a task force convened to look at different process for alternative approach to Promotion and Tenure.

Dean’s Report – Jay Akridge
• FY 16-17; Jayson Lusk just accepted
• Provost Rightsizing: about one third of faculty paid on line items, Hatch and Smith Lever; this is looking at another two thirds
• 35 lines pulled back from 7 colleges
• 2 positions COA asked for last summer will be pushed forward this fall

Colleen Brady asked: any sense how these are being prioritized?

Dean Akridge replied, I do not know, obviously we have a great deal of research and it had to have a lot of weight because we did not have to give back much monies.

Linda Lee asked: How are clinical faculty factored in?

Dean Akridge replied: they are factored into our cap and I’m sure that Provost factored that in.

Linda Lee asked: how will retirement impact?

Dean Akridge replied: we put 15 positions out there and we had 100 eligible; Provost is paying for 10 of those; the rest are on the college. Have an open line but have to hold off a year since we have to pay the salary.

Terry Stewart asked: Any idea when he (Provost) will relocate those lines?

Dean Akridge replied: Don’t know but we will make our pitch in May/June.

2017-18 Budget
Undergraduate enrollment is up. Tuition is flat. State performance formula is not favorable because there is no credit for research. Right now, we are in a flat funding time area.

FY President’s Budget
Military defense is up, but non-defense deseeding is cut.

Federal Advocacy
CARET/PCARET: humbling group of people to work with; Debbie Hohlt represents us on Capitol Hill; we let her know anytime we are on the Hill. (Summarized what he, Karen, Jason, and Marcos do to advocate for Ag Research and Extension all with staying in the budget)
**Dean Akridge:** Spoke about ABE Building; got the $60 million we asked for; lot of support for the building.

**Fall 2017 Class-Admissions:** Thank you to those involved in yield activities; It’s a big deal and very important.

**Last Slide:** Lots of things to celebrate, another great year, new space, new Associate Dean, Herbert Newby McCoy Winners, new buildings, Land O’ Lakes was here and they were blown away by our passion and all that we do.

Dean Akridge’s presentation is included in the document that is appended to these minutes.

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM.

**Next Meeting**
The 2017 Fall Semester Agricultural Faculty meeting is scheduled for 3:30 PM on Thursday, December 7 in the Deans of Agriculture Auditorium in Pfendler Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Timothy P. Kerr
Secretary, Agricultural Faculty
Graduate Programs in Agriculture
Overview and Update 3.22.17

Shawn Donkin
Assistant Dean and Associate Director for Agricultural Research and Graduate Education
College of Agriculture Graduate Programs

- 11 departmental programs
- Interdisciplinary programs
- 709 Graduate students
- 74 Postdoctoral fellows
- 294 (Graduate) faculty
- 314 Special Graduate faculty
- 40 Teaching assistants
- 514 Research assistants
- 131 Graduate concentrations
- 265 Courses at 50000/60000
- ~170 MS & 80 PhD awards/yr
CoA represents ~ 8% of total graduate enrollment (709 + 9 / 9,100), 4th
Recent Trends in Enrollment
2010 - 2016

College of Ag
Purdue University

8% ↑ in Purdue PhD programs and 35% ↑ in Master’s programs over 6 years
College of Agriculture
Enrollment - Degree Objective

PhD is the objective for 60% of 709 degree students in CoA (↑)
College of Agriculture
Enrollment - Gender Distribution

47% Women in CoA graduate programs (↔)
College of Agriculture
Enrollment - International

44.5% of graduate students in CoA are international (↑)
Where Are Our Students From
Where Are Our Students From
URM are 14% of domestic graduate students in CoA, 14% at Purdue (↑ 141% in 5 years)
7.6% URM of domestic undergraduates in CoA, 11% URM for University UG
### A glance of Fall 2016 Enrollment

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### A glance of Fall 2020 Enrollment

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Sloan Scholars, M@P program, SROP, HBI, campus visits, Diversity Ambassador Program
There are ~7% of graduate students in interdisciplinary programs
89% MS completion by years; 68.8% PhD completion by 7 years
2015-2020 Strategic Plan: People, Purpose, Impact

We are pleased to share the Purdue College of Agriculture 2015-2020 Strategic Plan: People, Purpose, Impact. Through the initiatives that comprise this plan, we are working to position Purdue Agriculture for leadership at the local, state, national, and international levels in the food, agricultural, life, and natural resources sciences. Our goals are ambitious, and we look forward to working with our friends and partners across the University, the state and the nation to achieve them. You can also download the Strategic Plan to print.

Learn about our Vision, Mission, Values, and Focus »

Learn about our Selected Metrics »
Current Action Items

- Recruit and retain underrepresented minorities by investing in their success.
- Increase professional development and networking opportunities that enhance career paths.
- Establish a small number of universal learning outcomes in all graduate programs.
Professional Development & Networking

Graduate Student Welcoming and Networking Event

Friday, September 2, 2016
4:00-6:00 pm
Marriott Hall
900 W State St, West Lafayette

Food and drink from local vendors!

POSTER SESSION
Research themes within laboratories highly encouraged accepting first 50 posters

Spring 2017
Graduate Workshops & Presentations

NEXT EVENT:
Criticism: Is it constructive?
Giving and receiving feedback effectively
Wednesday, January 18 | 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Deans' Auditorium, 2nd floor, Pfendler Hall

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Maintaining work-life balance during graduate school
Thursday, January 24
3:30 PM to 4:30 PM
Room 105AB, Graduate Student Center
Presenter:
Jennifer Walsh, Staff Therapist, CAPS

Harnessing the power of LinkedIn
Thursday, January 28
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Deans Auditorium, 2nd floor, Pfendler Hall

Networking Skills & Elevator Pitch
Wednesday, February 1
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Deans Auditorium, 2nd floor, Pfendler Hall

Ace your Interview
Thursday, February 2
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
PGSC 105AB, Graduate Student Center

Negotiation Strategies
Tuesday, February 21
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
PGSC 105AB, Graduate Student Center

Developing Resilience
Tuesday, March 7
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
PGSC 105AB, Graduate Student Center
Activities, Challenges, Opportunities

- Process and policy
  - Communications
  - Fellowships (~ $1M)
  - Courses and Learning Outcomes

- Promoting students
  - Spotlight series
  - Award opportunities
  - Fellowship workshops
  - Advertising and program promotion

- Enhancing diversity
  - OMP and MAP connection
  - ARP Diversity Fellowships program

- New opportunities
  - Professional degrees.
  - Industry opportunities

- Professional development
  - Web resources
  - Workshops
Suggestions always welcome!
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Memorial Resolution
for
Thomas Houlsey
Professor of Agronomy
February 22, 1942 to December 30, 2016

Dr. Thomas Housley 74, died on Friday, December 30, 2016 at his residence surrounded by his family in West Lafayette. Dr. Housley was born on February 22, 1942 to the late Donald and Rosina (Jones) Housley in Akron, Ohio. He married Margaret (McGrath) Housley on April 23, 1966 in Glastonbury, Connecticut. In addition to his wife, Thomas is survived by two sons: Andrew (wife: Amy) Housley of Addison, IL, and Dale (wife: Carlie) of West Lafayette, IN. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and his siblings: Donald (wife: Grace) Housley, Timothy (wife: Cathy) Housley, and Judith (husband: Lee) Brandi.

Thomas earned his Bachelors degree from Taylor University in 1964, MS from University of Connecticut in 1969 and a PhD in Botany/Plant Physiology from the University of Georgia in 1974. Dr. Housley, following a post-doctorate at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, joined the Purdue University Agronomy faculty at Purdue University as an Assistant Professor in 1976, became full Professor in 1990 and upon his retirement in May 2011 after a 35 year career was awarded Professor Emeritus. Thomas held many positions, he was a professor, teacher, counselor, mentor, coach, and advisor while he worked at Purdue. He was also an elder and deacon at Faith Presbyterian Church in West Lafayette. Thomas enjoyed sailing, jogging, and he was a member of the Great Banquet Community.

It is impossible to encapsulate in a short time a 35 year career so I have picked out a few key accomplishments of Tom’s to show you the impact that he had on his colleagues, the department and the many students that he taught and mentored over the years. Tom was passionate about plant science and why and how plants respond to their environment. He translated this passion into international recognition as an expert in the transport and metabolism of different sugars, principally in cereal grains such as wheat with always an eye to how to develop a more productive crop. This interest in plant responses also had a distinct international flavor through his work with Gebisa Ejeta and Larry Butler on the interaction between crop plants and Striga and Orobanche two parasitic weeds that cause devastating yield losses in Africa, the US and other regions of the world.

Because of his passion for science and education he was at the forefront of recruiting minority students to our department and the College. He began the very first undergraduate summer research program in the College and I believe the university that brought minority students to campus for the summer for a summer research experience with the clear intention of recruiting them into graduate school. This program began 25 years ago and has continued since then in some form. A remarkable legacy.

This interest in students was a constant throughout Tom’s career. He advised 15-30 students per semester, was recognized by the College as an Outstanding Counselor. He was recognized by the Agronomy and Crop Science Societies as Teacher of the Year in 2007. He advised the Agronomy Club for 15 years, was passionate about the Crops Judging team and the courses he
taught that were associated with that Team and their outreach to thousands of high school students across the state. Collecting plant and weed specimens was a key part of the crops judging team and the weeds class Tom taught. He was so into this that when he and his family were driving he would pull over when he saw an interesting weed and he and the boys would get out and collect a plant or two, put them into a phone book as a plant press. I am not sure they enjoyed all the stops but from what I hear they became pretty knowledgeable about lots of different plant species. What a great way to include his family in his passion for science and students. This legacy continues as the specimens he collected over the years are still being used by the agronomy club and the crops judging team.

Tom translated his interest in plants, international agriculture, diversity and students into a course that he started called Agronomy 285 -World Crop Adaptation and Diversity in 1991. I tell you about this course because it gave Tom a chance to talk and educate undergraduate students about the development of different food crops thru human civilization, how and why different cultures prepare foods and cultural diversity. The student’s favorite part of the course is when they get to taste foods from across the world that Tom prepared. Tom loved this course and that enthusiasm was infectious with the students. It also gave him a chance to dress in traditional clothes from several different cultures – he was not a shy person. Before Tom retired he taught this course for a few years with his colleague Mitch Tuinstra who continues to teach it. Tom was a visionary. The reason why it is taught today, is in the university core curriculum and always has a maxed out enrollment is because of the thought and energy Tom put into developing this course, his understanding that we live in a global world and the need and desire of our Purdue students to understand where their food comes from. I think this course exemplifies who Tom was and what he meant to the Agronomy Department.

On a very personal note, before Tom retired he and I were co-major advisors for Tom’s last graduate student Pasajee Kongsila, from Thailand. He ended his research career returning to his first love of sugar metabolism and transport in wheat - an area of common interest between us. It was such a pleasure to work with Tom on this project and to learn from him on how to be a better major advisor.
Memorial Resolution
For
James Lloyd Ahlrichs
Professor of Agronomy
September 13, 1928 to April 22, 2016

Dr. Jim Ahlrichs passed away on April 22, 2016. He was born September 13, 1928 at home on a farmstead near Palmer, Iowa. He walked to a one-room country school for his elementary education. He attended Manson Public High School and Iowa State College where he received his B.S. degree in Agricultural Education in 1950. Jim Ahlrichs taught Vocational Agriculture in Pierson, Iowa until drafted for service in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. The G.I. Bill enabled him to attend Iowa State University where he obtained his M.S. degree in Soil Fertility and Mineralogy in 1955. His PhD in Soil Chemistry and Mineralogy was completed at Purdue University in 1961 under Dr. J.B. Peterson.

While working on his PhD degree, Jim became a full-time instructor. He advanced to Professor of Agronomy in 1969 and dedicated his career to teaching and research in Soil Science. His research initially was in mineralogy clarifying the structure and reactions of micaceous minerals common in soils and of the fibrous minerals used in the formulations of granular pesticides and slurry fertilizers. He developed rapid bioassays to detect Al toxicity in soils and to evaluate genotypes of various plant species which are tolerant to Al toxic soils.

His special assignments away from Purdue included: visiting scientist at the Macauley Institute for Soil Research in Scotland, a year as a Fulbright-Hays Senior Lecturer at the University of Madrid, and two years as an advisor in soils research in Vila Real, Portugal for a Purdue-Aid contract. He was also a visiting scientist for 6 months at Texas A&M University and for one year at the USDA-ARS Laboratory in Beckley, West Virginia. He also served as a short term consultant with the Soils Laboratory in Niger.

Dr. Ahlrichs was ahead of his time. His major efforts were in the development of effective university teaching. He developed the multimedia student directed soil resource center over 45 years ago for the introductory soil science and forest soils courses. This innovative multimedia active learning center, along with the other courses he taught in an interactive format, affected more than 15,000 students. This innovative approach to teaching soils continues to be a student favorite and is warmly remembered by many alumni.

Dr. Ahlrichs was a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy and of the Indiana Academy of Science. He received the Agronomic Resident Education Award and the Soil Science Education Award of the American Society of Agronomy and the Soil Science Society of America, respectively. He received the Ensminger Distinguished teaching award from NACTA, the Amoco Outstanding Teacher Award from Purdue University, and the best teacher and counselor awards from the College of Agriculture. He was inducted into the “Great Book of Teachers” in 1999.
Jim had an insatiable curiosity about the world. His life took him to the far corners of the earth and brought intellectuals from every continent to his family kitchen table. He was intensely interested in travel, exploring new places and ideas, and in the lives of everyone around him. It was always a fascinating experience talking to Jim. His enthusiasm was contagious.

Raised on a farm Jim could fix most things and found pleasure in small details. Flying kites with kids, planting trees with friends, inviting new church acquaintances or student’s home for supper. He was a founding member of Our Savior Lutheran Church. Late in life, he volunteered for many organizations, working as a docent in the founding of the Farm at Prophetstown and organizing quilt production for Lutheran World Relief, done in the church basement. Quilts he assembled touched every corner of the world. He was an incredible storyteller and brought to life what farming was like before and during the early days of farm mechanization.


Surviving with his wife Susan are children, John S. Ahlrichs (Kellen Sullivan) of Berlin, Germany, Karl J. Ahlrichs (Barbara) of Carmel, IN, Kristi A. Sherman (Todd) of Fairbanks, AK, Gretchen A. Vachon (Mike) of Yakima, WA, and Charlotte Rohloff (Ralph) of Merritt Island, FL. The family also includes Susan’s children, Cathy Axtell (Robert Cramblitt) of St. Louis, MO, John Axtell (Terri) of Summit, NJ and Laura Axtell of Edina, MN, plus many wonderful grandchildren. He is also survived by brother David Ahlrichs (Marcia) of Rockwell City, IA, sister Rachel Gerdes (Don) of Round Rock, TX and sister-in-law Ruth Ahlrichs of Kansas City, KS. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Tena Ahlrichs and brothers Loren Ahlrichs of Shawnee Mission, KS and John Ahlrichs who died as an infant.

Jim was my mentor and friend. I will miss his friendship and wonderful personality. His legacy as an educator and scientist has had a great impact on me and many others around the world.
Dr. Raymond J.G.M. Florax died unexpectedly on March 1, 2017. He was born December 29, 1956 in The Netherlands. Since 2005, he resided in Lafayette, Indiana and served as Professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue. Raymond is survived by his son and his wife Dr. Brigitte Waldorf.

In 1979 and 1981, respectively, Dr. Florax graduated with dual Bachelors degrees in Economics and Sociology from Catholic University Brabant in Tilburg, The Netherlands. He received his Masters degree in Economics from that same university in 1983 under the supervision of Professor Theo A. Stevers. Dr. Florax completed his doctoral degree in 1992 in Economics at the University of Twente under the supervision of Professors Peter Booersma and Hendrik Folmer. His dissertation entitled \textit{The University: A Regional Booster? Economic Impacts of Academic Knowledge Infrastructure} was a refreshing examination of the economic impact of human capital development through university research and education. This work has become a classic in the literature after receiving First Prize in the Research Science Association International annual dissertation competition.

Dr. Florax was also associated with the Department of Spatial Economics at the Free University in Amsterdam, where he formerly coordinated the department’s MASTER-point research group engaged in research on meta-analysis in spatial, transport, and environmental economics. At Purdue, he engaged in researching and teaching topics at the interface of economics, space, health and the environment, and he exhibited a keen interest and talent in developing and applying new statistical techniques for spatial data. Dr. Florax was an active contributor to the Regional Science Association International (RSAI) and the global regional science academic community. He served for ten years as editor-in-chief of the association’s flagship journal \textit{Papers in Regional Science}. He held various administrative offices, including President of the University Council at Wageningen Agricultural University and served as an advisor to the Netherlands Bureau of Economic Policy Analysis. In addition, he served on the editorial boards of four other regional science journals, was visiting professor at universities in San Diego, Tucson, Barcelona-Spain, and Hamilton-New Zealand.

His research dealt with spatial data analysis, spatial econometrics, spatial and environmental modeling, and meta-analysis. He has published widely on various topics in these areas, and authored books and contributions to edited volumes and journal articles, in addition to editing collected volumes and special journal issues. Dr. Florax was ranked among the world’s top-5% of economists by Research Papers in Economic (RePEc). In total, Raymond published over 200 different publications that have received over 9,000 citations according to Google Scholar. During his illustrious career, he received numerous honors.

2000 – Named a Fellow of the Netherlands Network of Economics
2006 – Became a Fellow of the Wageningen School of Social Sciences
2007 – Named a Fellow of the Spatial Econometrics Association
2011 – Became a Fellow of the Tinbergen Institute

2014 – Received the European Prize in Regional Science (from the European Investment Bank) - which is the highest research award of the European Regional Science Association for life-long contributions to regional science

2015 – Named a Fellow of the International Regional Science Association

Professor Florax was a master teacher and mentor of students. His infusion of spatial economics into Purdue’s Department of Agricultural Economics spread well beyond the Space, Health, and Population Economics field that he championed. Students who specialized in production economics, international development, international trade, natural resource and environmental economics, and marketing all caught the spatial bug from Raymond and flocked to his classes and seminars. In his 12 too short years at Purdue, Raymond mentored 50 graduate students not to mention those who also took his classes.

Dr. Florax was also an accomplished pianist who enjoyed playing in combo with his friends, students, and colleagues. He is remembered as a colleague whose research was of the highest standards, whose students excelled in their careers, and as someone who embraced life with tremendous enthusiasm and purpose. We were incredibly fortunate to have Dr. Raymond J.G.M. Florax as our colleague during the time when he solidified his position as one of the world’s foremost regional scientists.
The two resolutions passed by the Senate that affect Ag faculty are as follows:

1) Senate Document 16-05: Course Evaluation Resolution

The questions “overall, I would rate this instructor as” and “overall, I would rate this course as” will no longer be mandatory university questions for promotion and tenure beginning fall 2018.

“We request that the Provost’s office meet with Deans, individual promotion committees, and School/Department heads to describe the University’s expectations, identify proposed alternative assessment methods suggested by the academic units, as well as to gather feedback with respect to the use of summative course evaluation scores on the Promotion and Tenure Document and to ensure teaching excellence.”

“The Provost’s office will present the results of their review of proposed alternative assessment methods and a summary of the feedback they received from academic units to the University Senate no later than January 2019.”

2) Senate Document 16-07: Resolution in Support of the Student-led Honor Pledge

All students will sign the student-led honor pledge stating, “As a boilermaker on track, I pledge to be honest and true in all that I do. Accountable together - we are Purdue,”

More information about these and other resolutions discussed or passed are available in the minutes of the University Senate (http://www.purdue.edu/senate/meetings/index.html).
Faculty Meeting
College of Agriculture Update
March 22, 2017

Jay Akridge
Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture
FY 16-17 Positions

New Positions
• AGRY – Soils Extension
• ANSC – Dairy Extension - Interviewing
• FDSC – Food Safety Extension/Research - Interviewing
• Head – Department of Agricultural Economics – Filled – Dr. Jayson Lusk
• Head – Department of Agronomy - Interviewing

Carry Forward Searches
• AGEC: Farm Management – Filled – Dr. Michael Langemeier
• ANSC: Microbial Biomes/Metagenomics – Offer Made
• BCHM: Molecular Genetics (Cancer) – Filled – Dr. Majid Kazemian
• BTNY: Plant Disease Epidemiology – Offer Made
• BTNY: Weed Science – Dual Career – Offer Not Accepted
• ENTM: Insect Physiology and Biochemistry – Filled – Dr. Laramy Enders
• CMA-Plant Sciences: 3 positions (15-16 Filled – Dr. Leonor Boavida) – 2 Filled – Dr. Jennifer Wisecaver, Dr. Xing Lu; 1 Offer Outstanding
• Associate Dean/IPIA Director – Filled – Dr. Indrajeet Chaubey

Fall 2017
• FDSC: Botanicals/Microbiome Research/Teaching
• FNR: Forest Economics
Provost Rightsizing

• Provost looked at positions on general funds, undergraduate and graduate enrollment and credit hours generated, and research awards and expenditures
  – 35 lines pulled back from 7 Colleges
  – 2 lines pulled back from Agriculture (331.25 faculty to 329.25 faculty)
  – Above includes Clinical Faculty
17-18 Budget

• General Fund:
  – Undergraduate enrollment increasing
  – Tuition flat
  – State performance formula not favorable for Purdue – but looks like some relief this year

• Line Items:
  – Flat funding request

• Federal Funds:
  – Under continuing resolution, flat for now
Federal Advocacy

- CARET/PCARET
- Debbie Hohlt
- Lewis-Burke
- Donya Lester
- APLU:
  - Jay Akridge, Chair, Policy Board of Directors
  - Karen Plaut, ESCOP B&L, Diversity Catalyst Committee
  - Jason Henderson, ECOP B&L, eXTension Board, NC-FAR Board
  - Marcos Fernandez, ACOP Secretary
FY 18 President’s Budget

- “Skinny Budget” released on March 16
  - Details likely in May
  - $54 billion increase in defense
  - $54 billion reduction in non-defense discretionary spending
- Proposes $17.9 Billion in USDA discretionary spending
  - 21% cut from FY 17 level (continuing resolution)
  - AFRI $350 million, silent on capacity funds
NIH cuts could mean no new grants in 2018

The biomedical research community is reacting with shock and outrage to the Trump administration’s proposed 18% cut to the budget of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Many are also worried about plans to reorganize the agency, in part by eliminating its institute dedicated to training scientists in developing countries.
Fall 2017 Class – Admissions – March 20

• Applications flat (1671)
  – Down -0.7% Indiana (725)
  – Up 7.3% Non-Resident (749)

• Up 1.4% admissions (1344)
  – Up 1.9% Indiana (581)
  – Up 8.8% Non-Resident (628)

• Down -1.6% paid deposits (380)
  – Down -2.9% Indiana (332)
  – Up 2.4% Non-Resident (42)

• Yield activities important!

Does not include Ivy Tech Pathway or Summer Start