



## ...A report to Soil & Crop Sciences Faculty by David Baltensperger

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# Aggie Agenda

*Happy New Year!*

I hope that you all had a wonderful break. As we transition to the New Year, we have an opportunity to think about what is most important to the success of our clientele and subsequently to our success as the Soil & Crop Sciences Department.

This past week was shortened, but provided the opportunity to start planning the calendar for the next few months. We also completed the successful search and recruitment for the Extension Agronomist position at Uvlade with the hiring of Danny Fromme. He is expected to start on or before May 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to all of you for your efforts in this process.

The agenda for the annual faculty meeting is attached. While recognizing that there are many conflicts, I hope to see you all at the annual meeting.

This week will provide numerous opportunities for professional development, renewing linkages and forming new ones. I hope you all engage in this process.

Our department has had an excellent year and I am looking forward to meeting with you to review your program. The associate department heads and center directors will participate with me in the review process. We will need completed Faculty Achievement Reports including an up to date job description and a summary (2 pages or less) by January 31, or earlier if it is needed earlier by your center director. It is my intention to complete the reviews by early April.

***Congratulations*** to Dr. Tom Cothren who was this years recipient of the Texas Plant Protection Association Award for Academic Achievement.

We will have an exciting next few months as we move to fill several positions around the state. This requires your active involvement in both recruiting and evaluating potential candidates. Thanks in advance for your participation in these important endeavors.

*David*

# Soil and Crop Sciences Annual Departmental Meeting January 10, 2007

*Lunch will be served at 12:00 pm on the first floor (atrium)*

Welcome

State of Department

Awards Presentation - *Mike Chandler*

Service Pins - *Carol Rhodes*

New Faculty - *David Baltensperger*

New Support Staff - *David Baltensperger*

Retirements

Future Dates

Advisory Committees

Report on the Departmental Review - Follow-up Goals

Strategic Plan

Pro Card Overview - *Pam Wilhelm*

## Position Updates:

- Turf Breeding Position at Dallas - Advertised
- Environmental Soil Scientist at Vernon - Advertised
- Soil Clay Mineralogist at College Station - Advertised
- Extension Forage Specialist at Overton - Applications received.
- Wheat Breeder at College Station - 1st Interview scheduled for January 22, 2007
- Extension Agronomist at Uvalde - Position filled

## Future Events:

- January 10, 2007 - Annual Meeting Soil & Crop in Room 101 at 1:30 pm. (*Lunch at 12:00 - 1st floor atrium*)
- January 24, 2007 - Spring Departmental Seminars begin.

If you have future events for the Aggie Agenda, please send them to Judy Young at:

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