**S-1062 Members Present and Institutional Affiliations**

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| **NAMES** | **INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS** |
| Shida R. Henneberry | Oklahoma State University |
| Edward Yu | University of Tennessee |
| Karen Lewis | University of Tennessee |
| Luis Ribera | Texas A&M |
| Amanda (Leister) Countryman | Colorado State University |
| Eric Young | North Carolina State University |
| Ian Sheldon | Ohio State University |
| Paul Gallagher | Iowa State University |
| Kwan Choi | Iowa State University |
| Lynn Kennedy | Louisiana State University |
| Jarrett Whistance | University of Missouri |
| Eric Wailes | University of Arkansas |
| Alvaro Durand | University of Arkansas |
| Osei Yeboah | North Carolina A&T |
| Mariah Ehmke | University of Wyoming |

**A. Morning Activities, Thursday, May 12, 2016**

***Introduction and Discussion of the Agenda:***

The meeting was called to order by **Chairman** **Amanda Countryman, Colorado State University** at 09:00 am. The **Chair** began by asking the group to introduce themselves. She then discussed the agenda for the meeting.

**Eric Young**: Gave an update on the federal budget. At the federal level, the Senate and House passed ag appropriates last May. Only difference in last year’s budget and the 2017 budget is an increase of $25 million in AFRE (also in the President’s budget). The final budget will hopefully be passed in the lame duck session. The negotiations will be dependent on the November elections. HATCH stays flat. Working to increase HATCH and Smith-Leaver. TECONOMY is studying the impact of HATCH and Smith-Leaver. Began with a survey to deans. Also asked the impact if HATCH funds were gone or rolled into AFRE. Encouraged our group to consider joining the research project on unmanned aircraft systems (S-1069: Research and Extension for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Applications in U.S. Agriculture and Natural Research-Started on 10/1/2016).

***State Reports:***

**Osei Yeboah- North Carolina A&T:** Agriculture college merged with colleges of technology and innovation. Food security, energy clusters. Also doing trade. US foreign ag services in Ghana, also working on another project related to an AFRI project on country of origin labeling, as well as working on TPP and TTIP related projects. Has funding from APHIS and FAS to fund recruiting and training of students for a certificate in agricultural trade for future placement in FAS offices. Peanut value chain in Ghana focusing on raising incomes of female actors and implementing web based tools to market products.

**Eric Wailes and Alvaro Durand- University of Arkansas:** Commercial farms in eastern Arkansas and exports from the area. Collaborate with FAPRI. Provide international global rice exports. Stress tests. January baseline. Global rice economy in Africa. A lot of work in Liberia. Examining crop insurance in Southeast Asian Countries. Impact of China in SPS agreements for rice. Work in corn and soybeans. China largest importer of rice. Looking at producer preferences published in *AJAE*-experimental economics in developing countries. Went to Cuba. Using experimental economics to examine what quality means for rice markets. Aquifer in Eastern Arkansas. Impact of hybrid rice, etc. and environmental impact. Analyzing TTP with a rice flow model similar to GTAP but it breaks out rice into nine commodities.

**Shida R. Henneberry- Oklahoma State University:** Director of International Agriculture Program. Created major in International Agriculture. MS in addition to Master of Ag. Program in Africa with Nobel Research Foundation in Oklahoma. Sent students to Uganda. Developing program with AgriCorps. 11 months in Liberia, Latin American and Uganda. Borlaug Fellow in Ethiopia. GM rice. WTP of Chinese tourists to visit Oklahoma. Water issues in Oklahoma. WTP of students for study abroad. Relatively new Dean. Dean Coon from MSU. Went to Ethiopia recently. FYI for the MS program at OSU there is a common market so you can get out of state tuition waved.

**Jarrett Whistance - University of Missouri FAPRI:** Looking for new dean. Gearing up for preliminary baseline. Completed Co-Bank stress test. Filling out international crops. Ukraine wheat crops Willie Myers. International biofuels. GHG emissions and two-way trade with Brazil. Russian chicken imports. TPP will be factored into bassline work.

**Karen Lewis and Edward Yu- University of Tennessee:** UT Institute of Agriculture (UTIA) Chancellor retired. Extension Dean is now the Interim Chancellor of UTIA. Ag Econ department head is interim extension dean. Trade research: Edward Yu primarily studies biofuels and is now studying international trade. Graduate student Maria Celeste De Mattis is using a gravity model to examine DDGS exports. Examining corn and soybean export market. Karen Lewis is doing livestock economics international trade research in addition to domestic beef research.

Recent Publications:

**Lewis, K.E.**, C. Grebitus, and R. Nayga. Forthcoming. “U.S. Consumer Preferences for Imported and Genetically Modified Sugar: Examining Policy Consequentiality in a Choice Experiment.” *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*.

**Lewis, K.E.**, C. Grebitus, G. Colson, and W. Hu. Forthcoming. “German and British Consumer Willingness to Pay for Beef Labeled with Food Safety Attributes.” *Journal of Agricultural Economics*.

**Luis Ribera- Texas A&M:** Director of CNAS. Working on a projected funded by FAS, 25 outlook for Brazil looking at infrastructure & ag production. Studying Cuba. Was in China in cotton producing region. Looking at cost structure and competitiveness. U.S. and Mexican border examining main infrastructure needs. Beef, corn, sorghum, produce. Invasive species one year project. Production economics work. Hiring energy economist.

**Ian Sheldon- OSU:** OSU is doing well and has had four recent new hires. They have also had a number of retirements. They are searching for a new Dean for the college. Working on a project with a graduate students and a colleague at Michigan State University looking at trade and quality upgrading. Heterogeneous firms and trade. Border tax adjustments and border policy in aluminum. Seed exports and intellectual property rights. What drives the structure of the biotech industry and R&D. Climate change and comparative advantage. Lots of work on credence goods, interested in the diagnosis stage of credence goods (rather than the treatment state). He is working on a chapter with Andy on trade for the Handbook of Ag Economics. Marine pollution and cooperative game theory.

**Amanda (Leister) Countryman- Colorado State University:** New leadership at CSU in dean roles. Also hiring new department head. Also hired a new energy economist, and made an offer to hire a new production economist. Currently looking at trade related issues with respect to the beef sector, as well as links between transportation and trade, and environmental effects of trade. Beef import market in Japan with relation to TPP. Also examining TTIP with EU beef trade. FMD in Latin America. An artic routes platform research examining trade flows including disaggregation of the U.S. in the GTAP database. Examining expansion of Panama Canal. Examining changes in trade flows from trade agreements and linking the trade flows to invasive species trade flows. Graduated 1 PhD Student. Advising 3 graduate students.

Recent Publications:

Countryman, A.M. 2017. “Adopting Teaching Strategies to Accommodate Different Learning Styles.” *North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Journal, forthcoming. (Editor Reviewed).*

Countryman, A.M. and A. Hagerman, 2016. “Retrospective Economic Analysis of Foot and Mouth Disease Eradication in the Latin American Beef Sector.” *Agribusiness: An International Journal, forthcoming.*

Countryman, A.M., J. Francois, and H. Rojas-Romagosa. 2016. “Melting Ice Caps: Implications for Asia-North America Linkages and the Panama Canal.” *Journal of International Trade and Global Markets, forthcoming.*

Countryman, A.M., J.G. Lee and P.L. Paarlberg. 2016. “Dynamic Effects of Drought on U.S. Cow/Calf Producers.” *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review, forthcoming.*

Countryman, A.M. 2016. “The Food Safety Modernization Act and Agricultural Imports.” *Choice*

*magazine,* 1st quarter.

**Lynn Kennedy- LSU:** Completed interim department head position. Worked on case involving sugar producers suing Corn Refiners Association for false advertising about corn sugar. Worked on Food Security books. Examining food security and trade. Sugarbeets and food security with Karen Lewis (UT). GMO Sugarbeets can add to food security but consumers might not want the GMO products. Return on investment research. Two students use gravity models exploring rice trade and Slovakia wine trade with EU. Examining possible impact of Mississippi River changing flow.

**Paul Gallagher and Kwan Choi- Iowa State University:** Economics Department has new Chair. Kwan completed journal editorial position at *Review of Development Economics* after 20 years. Looking at China’s currency manipulation. Welfare impacts of currency manipulation on Chinese economy. Competition between generic vs branded products. Biofuels paper examining E20 and corn ethanol published in *Energy Policy*.

**--15 Minute Break--**

***Presentation:* Cuban Rice Market Research:** *Eric Wailes and Alvaro Durand-Morat, University of Arkansas*

Review of Key Points:

* Cuban trip: About the size of Tennessee. 11 million people. State owns approximately 70% of land. 85% of rice area is state-owned.
* Highest per capita consumption of rice in western hemisphere.
* In 2000, trade embargo eased to allow U.S. to export food to Cuba.
* Overview of Cuban rice industry. Irrigation inefficiency.
* First five pounds of rice subsidized.
* Can Cuba become self-sufficient in rice—not likely. Brazil and Vietnamese are already exporting rice to Cuba.

**--Break for Lunch—**

**Reporting Update on past and future USDA grant proposals (wrap up state reports, if needed)**

Submit annual report within 90 days of meeting. Cannot authorize meeting until annual report is submitted. Make sure to mention specific accomplishments in annual report such as NIFA grant that focused on GMOs. $50,000 funded conference and *JAFIO Special Edition*.

**--15 Minute Break--**

***Presentation:* Eco-Labeling and the Gains from Agricultural and Food Trade: A Ricardian Approach-***Ian Sheldon, The Ohio State University*

Review of Key Points:

* How environmental labeling can impact trade flows.
* Develop theoretical model and then fit data to estimate.

**Depart for Fort Collins Brewery Tour at 4PM followed by dinner at FCB Modern Tavern: 1020 E. Lincoln Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80524**

***Adjourn for the Day***

**Friday, March 27, 2015**

**Planning for future collaborative projects (Light breakfast in Meeting Room)**

Ideas for NIFA conference grant:

1. Conference focusing on Cuba. Host a conference in Cuba. *Choices* for a potential outlet. ACES Cuba Conference annually held in summer in Miami. INCA-Agrarian University of Havana. Potentially attach our conference to it. Fall 2018.
2. Food Security: IAAE conference in Vancouver
3. MooseJaw Farming for Profit preconference.
4. Lynn Kennedy and Luis Ribera to view RFA.

**Officer elections, future meeting frequency and location proposal**-*Amanda Countryman and Karen Lewis*

Next Fall 2017 Meeting. 2nd or 3rd week in October in Nashville, TN. Group suggested tours: Guitar manufacturing; Grand Ole Opry; Jack Daniels Distillery.

Jarrett Whistance (University of Missouri) elected 2017 Secretary. Karen Lewis (University of Tennessee) incoming Chair.

***Presentation:* International Honey Market Drama, Consumer Emotions, and Food Safety and Origin Labeling-***Mariah Ehmke, University of Wyoming*

Review of Key Points:

* Adulteration of Honey
* Honey trade flow and ban of Chinese honey into U.S.
* Non-hypothetical experiment examining consumer preferences for WY honey.

*--Break--*

**Agricultural and Economic Development in Ethiopia’s Gambella Region-***Shida Henneberry, Oklahoma State University*

Review of Key Points:

* Overview of Shida and grad student (Borlaug Fellow) trip to Ethiopia
* Opportunities for research in Ethiopia
* Environment in Ethiopia.

**Amanda final business discussion**

*Adjourn- 12:00pm*

Depart for tour of JBS packing facility tour.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lewis