**SRAC-1 Committee**

**AGENDA**

**15-17 May 2018**

**Texas A&M University**

**College Station, TX**

**Participants:** David Baltensperger, Lesley Oliver, Rebecca McCulley, Don Labonte; Donn Shilling, Erik Ervin, Jeff Edwards, Jeff Mullahey, Julie Carrier, Mike Phillips, Ramesh Reddy,

Robert Gilbert, Robert Bacon, Scott Senseman, Greg Reighard, John Beasley, Rebecca McCulley

**Tuesday, May 15**

Arrive in College Station, TX

(Shuttle from Houston or Austin Airport – Ground Shuttle Transportation (groundshuttle.com)

<https://groundshuttle.com/RouteSchedule/HoustonToCS>

<https://groundshuttle.com/RouteSchedule/AustinToCS>

Shuttle from CS to Houston/Austin Airports

<https://groundshuttle.com/RouteSchedule/CSToHouston>

<https://groundshuttle.com/RouteSchedule/CSToAustin>

Hotel Accommodations –

The George Hotel https://www.thegeorgetexas.com/

180 Century Ct, College Station, TX 77840

[Phone](https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-1&q=the+george+phone&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiPnIaG1I_aAhWS2YMKHQSbCQwQ6BMI7QEwEQ): (979) 485-5638

Room Rate - $129.00 They may have us listed under SAC-1 or SRAC-1

The group code will be **S410** and the reservation deadline date is 4/24/18

Guest can make reservations online using the above group code or by calling the reservations line at 844-599-3871

**Dinner for early arrivals** (Cenares)

**Wednesday, May 16**

Breakfast on your own (hotel)

8:00 AM – Vans pick up Chairs transport to AgriLife Center

AgriLife Center Room 201 AGCT, 556 John Kimbrough

7:45 – Coffee and light breakfast snacks

8:00 – Welcome and Agenda discussion – David Baltensperger and Lesley Oliver

8:30 – Dean and Vice-Chancellor – Patrick Stover

9:00 – Director of Texas A&M AgriLife Research – Craig Nessler

9:30 – Associate Department Head for Soil and Crop Sciences Teaching and Research –Dr. C Wayne Smith

10:00 – Break

10:30 – Associate Department Head for Soil and Crop Sciences Extension – Dr. Larry Redmon

11:15 – SAC-1 Business – Dr. Lesley Oliver

Noon – Lunch (201 AGLS)

1:30 – Tour of Texas A&M AgriLife facilities

Borlaug

Heep

Drive through campus

3:00 – Turf Conference Room (3100 F and B Road)

Discussion Topics

A. “What new challenges are facing your department?”

B. Federal funding – expectations under new federal administration

C. Multi-state projects and Hatch funding

D. Constraints on research programs – laboratory, field, funding

5:00 – Tour Turf Facility

5:45 – Buppy’s Chicken Fried Steak Dinner at turf facility (Beer and Wine)

Invite Administration and FAC

7:00 – Transportation to Hotel via bonfire memorial

**Thursday, May 17**

Breakfast on your own

Check out of Hotel

Turf Conference Room or Heep?

8:30 – Coffee and light breakfast refreshments

9:00 – Discussion continued on topics from day before

E. Update on IDC and state level commodity groups

F. Undergraduate curriculums – meeting student needs

G. Distance education – undergraduate vs. graduate programs

H. Graduate student training – requirements, expectations

I. Alumni relations, development

11:30 – Lunch

12:30 – Travel to Airports

Noon – Lunch with Heads and Chairs with later departures