

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Wilfred Vermerris"](#)
Cc: ["Seth C. Murray"](#)
Subject: RE: DOE project Plan of Work
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 7:55:00 AM

Wilfred:

The POW looks fine. I made no changes so submit it as is.

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Wilfred Vermerris [<mailto:wev@ufl.edu>]
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2009 1:19 PM
To: Bill Rooney; Seth C. Murray
Subject: DOE project Plan of Work

Hi Bill and Seth,

Thank you for your messages and for accepting the new budget. I have attached a Plan of Work to accompany the budget. Please edit as needed.

It sounds like things are going very well with the RILs. I hope the HIFs will work out. Between the early frost last year and spotty stands this year, this sure has been challenging. Please keep me posted.

As indicated in the PofW, we decided to do the expression profiling at Cornell because of their excellent track record. The sequencing lab at UF has been having troubles since the director left, with long queues as a result. My post-doc Ana will go up to Cornell to have an opportunity to learn about the sequencing protocol.

The SNP genotyping at Cornell has been improved and will now include ~1500 markers for your RILs.

Have a good weekend,

Wilfred

Bill Rooney wrote:

> Wilfred:

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> The revised budget is acceptable to me. We can work with it. Go

> ahead and submit it.
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> Invoices should be working toward you; we started spending on that
> account in earnest this summer (when we are doing the work).
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> The second planting is in mid anthesis (a little earlier than I would
> have liked, primarily due to the heat and dry weather), so we will
> likely be harvesting that trial in late September.
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> Regards,
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> Bill
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Wilfred Vermerris [<mailto:wev@ufl.edu>]
> Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2009 4:54 PM
> To: Seth C. Murray; Bill Rooney
> Subject: Proposed budget for DOE project
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> Hi Bill and Seth,
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> How are you? Still busy in the field? Everything going OK?
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> I have attached the proposed budget for you for the DOE project. It
> has
> been a little challenging to balance the four budgets, but I think I got
> pretty close. In your case, I cut some of your supply and travel funds
> in order to make ends meet. This resulted in a reduction of \$2,200 for
> the total project cost for the two years. I hope that is acceptable. If
> so, I will submit this budget for processing. Some more invoices from
> your sponsored programs office would be helpful (we've been billed for
> less than \$2K so far). I know you guys have been working hard, though;
> it's just an administrative issue.
>
> Please keep me posted on samples etc. We have made arrangements with
> the
> core facility at Cornell to do the expression profiling there.
>
> Best regards,
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> Wilfred
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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Robert M. Harris"](#)
Subject: RE: Possible trop to Houston
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 7:57:00 AM

Thanks for the note. I'll try to make the meeting, but I know that you and Bill M. have been in discussions yesterday and more this week (possibly), so I'll see how some of that goes before confirming the meeting.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Robert M. Harris [mailto:rharris@nj.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2009 8:03 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: FW: Possible trop to Houston

If I can get Dr. Herbst to get a meeting at MDACC set up for September 8 – day after Labor Day – can you make it down to Houston for a preliminary meeting? Perhaps your Dad would care to join us as well. I M GOING TO JACKON HOLE SEPTEMBER 1 and will come back thru Dallas on September 6 and then to Houston on Sunday. That means I would have Monday to await the meeting on the 8th if we can bring it off. I am open to do that.

Bob

----- Forwarded Message

From: "Herbst,Roy S" <rherbst@mdanderson.org>
Date: Sun, 30 Aug 2009 07:28:01 -0500
To: "Robert M. Harris" <rharris@nj.rr.com>
Cc: Jim Harris <jaharris4@yahoo.com>, "Tran,Bich N" <btran@mdanderson.org>
Conversation: Possible trop to Houston
Subject: RE: Possible trop to Houston

Hi Bob-

I just emailed Mike Fisch and will call him tomorrow- I will see if this works for him (will you be able to get the A and M guys on this short notice?- or perhaps this could serve just as a preliminary meeting).

I will ask Bich Tran who you know to please work to help us coordinate this visit (her number is 7137944272 or 7137926363)

Tx

Roy

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From: Robert M. Harris [rharris@nj.rr.com]

Sent: Saturday, August 29, 2009 6:27 PM

To: Herbst,Roy S

Cc: Jim Harris

Subject: Possible trop to Houston

Thanks for setting up the telephone conference yesterday. I may be going to visit my son Jim on September 1 at Jackson Hole and return home on the 6th of September thru Dallas (flights on the 7th or 8th sold out from Jackson). My thought was to take AA to DFW and fly to Houston on Sunday the 6th from Dallas IF we can set up a meeting on Tuesday AM early on the 8th (after Labor Day) if convenient for your colleagues. I would attempt to have someone from A&M join me if feasible.

I know I'm trying to combine the "un-combinable" but what do you think? Otherwise I will fly home from Jackson on the 6th and set up a meeting later in Houston but time is tight for the state funding program. Need to confirm ticket by tomorrow evening so let me know best bet if you can. Sorry to put you under the gun. Best wishes.

Bob

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----- End of Forwarded Message

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["John Mullet"](#)
Subject: RE: Field update on TILLING, sampling plans
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 7:58:00 AM

Thanks, John

I agree we need to plant the tilling populations at the same time that we plant other seed increase material. It'll get better temps and better treatment.

If Kim needs help sampling just let us know.

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: John Mullet [<mailto:jmullet@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2009 9:45 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Field update on TILLING, sampling plans

Bill,

TILLING:

We collected panicles from the TILLING population last week. Very low seed set this year - I think due in part to the fact that we planted late and the summer heat just knocked down fertility in the already weakened EMS lines. We have found a few hundred TILLING lines, but we will need to do more next year (especially [REDACTED]) and hopefully plant earlier to improve seed set. We now have ~1700 TILLING lines and in Sept the ~2,000 lines from Xin will arrive so we have plenty to start work with (forward and reverse screening). Most are [REDACTED] lines.

SAMPLING:

We plan to start sampling the [REDACTED] population about Sept 10th, as well as collecting lower stem samples (1-2 per line) from some of your R-lines, high lignin lines and vPS lines in Field 102 to assess the extent of variation in stem anatomy and architecture (cross section analysis with lignin staining) in this material.

Let me know if there anything else.

Thanks,

John

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Jeff Gwyn"](#)
Subject: RE: request
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 8:02:00 AM

Jeff:

I don't have those lines in common environments (for direct comparisons). Likewise the phenotypic data collected on those lines varies widely ; the grain types will be grain yield, some disease reaction and maturity and the biomass would be tonnage, dry weights, lodging, limited disease reaction and composition.

I need to understand what you want out of the data and how to compile a mixed set of data can be useful. Also, much of the data on the biomass material is included in Dan's dissertation and I'll have to find out how far he is in the analysis.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Gwyn [mailto:jgwyn@ceres-inc.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2009 1:56 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: request

Had a request from a lab guy who is looking at the NGS data. He was wondering if you had any phenotypic data for these lines. I relayed that to be meaningful it would really need to come from a single year from the same trial which I doubt exists. Not even sure if or how much phenotypic "data" would be collected anyways on lines unless planned for this type of purpose.

[REDACTED]



Distinct phenotypes would be helpful (spreadsheet with columns of phenotypes and each of these 15 scored).

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Enrique Romo"](#)
Subject: RE: TAMU releases
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 8:12:00 AM

Enrique:

Nice to hear from you and glad that you are a sorghum breeder. I will relay your regards to my parents.

With regard to seed releases and distributions, Texas A&M (and Agrilife Research (new name)) have transitioned to new policy.

The distributions that you have listed were the last sets of materials that were officially released from TAMU. To access them (or any other sorghum germplasm), I simply need a request from you as to what you would like to acquire. I then submit that request (or put you in contact) with personnel at the TAMU Office of Technology Commercialization. They will draft the MTA for negotiation with you company. Once all is in place, then the seed can be sent.

The only exception to that process would be the converted lines. Those are available without an MTA.

Also, while we may officially release sorghum germplasm in the future, it is more likely that we will distribute on an individual basis. That means that companies are welcome to visit, evaluate material and discuss the material with TAMU breeders and then request the specific lines that they have an interest in getting. The line would be distributed through an MTA and it would not be publicly released. We started this process about a year ago; it is quite popular and I like it because I don't have to write a release proposal.

I look forward to hearing from you.

best regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Enrique Romo [mailto:enriqueromo_ceres@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2009 8:23 AM
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Cc: Fred Alston; Jerry Monk
Subject: FW: TAMU releases

Howdy dear Bill;

I hope everything is going well with you and your family, I believe we are having the same problem, our kids are getting old!!!!. How are your folks? please give all of them our best personal regards.

The news are that and from November 2007, I am working for Warner Seeds, trying to get new hybrids for Central Mexico, Tamaulipas and Texas, and as you well

know, in order to be successful we need to introduce new germplasm. We got a Plant Breeding bulleting from TAMU, and Fred Alston got the in some links the following "new" releases:



We are wondering if you can send us more information about the set of lines available, if they are for grain, sudan or forrage, as well as what should we do to be able to get the seed; ie release forms, etc.

It is really is nice to get in touch with you again, I hope we could be more in touch with you, and even think in a possible colaborative proyect down here in Central Mexico.

Best personal regards;

Enrique Romo
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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Nelson, Michelle"](#)
Subject: RE: Sept. 9 visit
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 8:14:00 AM

Michelle:

That's fine. If it takes what it takes then that is what we'll do.

However, if their main interest is sorghum, particularly bioenergy sorghum, then we need someone from admin or OTC to fully answer our obligations per our Ceres agreement.

regards,

bill

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From: Nelson, Michelle [mailto:m_nelson@tamu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 8:08 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: FW: Sept. 9 visit

Dr. Rooney,

This is the response I received from Ken Davenport. As you can see in his e-mail he wishes to spend more than an hour in the field. Just to give you a heads up. I'm not sure what all he wants to see but I'll change the agenda to reflect this. Do you think it will even take that long?

Michelle

From: Ken Davenport [mailto:kdavenport@chromatininc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 6:50 AM
To: Nelson, Michelle
Cc: lelamb@swbell.net
Subject: RE: Sept. 9 visit

Hello Michelle,

Thanks for the agenda. At this juncture, the purpose of our visit is to focus on sorghum. Therefore, I do not anticipate covering any other topics. I will be accompanied by Larry Lambright, former sorghum breeder with Dekalb and currently a consultant to Chromatin. With regard to the agenda, I could imagine that we may wish to spend more than an hour in the field. Other than this, the agenda looks fine.

If you wish to speak with me about the visit, do not hesitate to contact me on my mobile phone. Otherwise, we will target to arrive TAMU by 11:00 a.m.

Best regards,

Ken

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Armen Kemanian"](#)
Cc: ["John Mullet"](#); ["Javier Marcos"](#); ["Avant, Bob"](#)
Subject: RE: forage sorghum
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 8:41:00 AM

Armen:

Thanks for letting me review your draft report on estimated forage sorghum yields across the state.

I think that the dryland simulations are good, they will be in line with an average moisture content.

I'm not as sure about the irrigated yield estimates, especially in West Texas. The dairies are demanding significant amounts of forage in that area. The yields in that region vary in direct proportion with the amount of water applied, but under full irrigation 30-35 wet tons/acre are reported. That doesn't mesh with the estimate of only 5-10 tons. Granted, I don't know the terms of irrigation as applied in the model, but if you are looking for what can be produced on the HP, then it is equal to that potential in more Southern region. While the Southern region has a longer growing season, the HP has a better temperature profile (cooler nights = beneficial).

Finally, are the models based on a multiple cut grazing type or a biomass single cut type.

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Armen Kemanian [<mailto:akemanian@brc.tamus.edu>]
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2009 3:21 PM
To: 'Avant, Bob'
Cc: 'William L. Rooney'; 'John Mullet'; 'Javier Marcos'
Subject: forage sorghum

Please, see attached document and send us your comments. This pertains to forage sorghum. At some point it will be developed into a white paper or a scientific manuscript. Armen

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Lloyd Nelson"](#)
Subject: RE: PRC
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 8:43:00 AM

Lloyd:

I'm sorry, lost the e-mail.

Haven't got the date, but it'll be late September.

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lloyd Nelson [<mailto:lr-nelson@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2009 10:37 AM
To: Bill L Rooney
Subject: PRC

Hi Bill,

Have you set a date for the next PRC meeting?

Lloyd

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Scott Vajdak](#)"
Cc: "[Karen Prihoda](#)"
Subject: RE: computer problems
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 1:05:00 PM

Scott:

The PN# is RM296UT#ABA
The S/N is CNU7521TR7

The model is HP 8510W

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-----Original Message-----

From: Scott Vajdak [<mailto:SVajdak@ag.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 9:55 AM
To: Bill L Rooney
Cc: Karen Prihoda
Subject: Re: computer problems

Hello Dr. Rooney,

I will try to get this going today- I have your invoice and serial number but not the "part number". Can you look on the bottom of your laptop and send that PN# to me?

Thanks
-Scott-

>>> "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> 8/31/2009 1:36 PM >>>
Scott:

My HP laptop is having the exact same problem that it had about a year or year and a half ago - the screen is gone, basically just glows a varying grey color. I can use another screen (like I'm doing now) and have no problem so it must be the hardware in the screen.

Last time this happened, it took over two weeks to get the problem fixed. I'm traveling this week and won't return until Friday evening so I would like to start the ordering the parts to solve the problem (unless part supply is better this time).

Also, I'm ready to look into alternative ways to travel with computer equipment. So, I'd like to visit with you on options sometime next week.

regards,

bill

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Prihoda, Karen L.](#)"
Subject: RE: FYI
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 1:11:00 PM

Karen:

I've got an e-mail from Glenda. I'll talk to her and to Leo and try to figure this out.

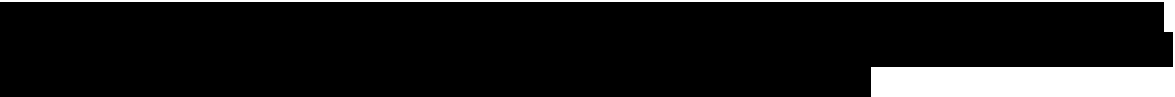
Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Prihoda, Karen L [<mailto:k-prihoda@neo.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 11:30 AM
To: Dr. Bill Rooney
Subject: FYI



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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Glenda Kurten"](#)
Cc: ["Hoffmann, Leo, Jr"](#)
Subject: RE: Your student's financial for Fall
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 1:15:00 PM

Glenda:

No, we can't pay the out of state tuition on that many hours. The main question (for Leo and you) is what he is enrolled in. If it is only research hours, then I suggest we drop back to a single hour until he is back on payroll. If there is a class, then we pay only for those hours. Bottom line, is that is cannot go higher than what a full time student would have.

Another issue, once Leo gets on payroll will we have a problem with paying him if he is not full time enrolled?

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Glenda Kurten [<mailto:g-kurten@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 12:45 PM
To: Bill L Rooney
Cc: Karen L Pihoda
Subject: RE: Your student's financial for Fall

I posted tuition and fees to your students account based on the stipend accounts that I listed on the spreadsheet (if pd state money entered OGS tuition payments). I will bill you for the t&f that you are paying in a couple of months after 12th class day and after all this compass mess gets straightened out. At that time your accounts that I need to bill can be changed if need be.

I did have a couple of issues:

Leo Hoffman is still not able to be on payroll. He registered for 9 hours and is not eligible for the out of state waiver. I have not paid any tuition or fees on him.

You're right Rebecca is on dept money for t&f. We are going to pay all of the 16 hours with the stipulation with her that we won't pay anything next semester if she doesn't graduate in Dec.

Dan had only registered but for 1 hour so I haven't entered anything for him. He has been sent an email about his registration.

Thanks,
Glenda

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>>> "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> 8/31/2009 6:43 PM >>>
Glenda:

Here is a list of the sources to pay T and F for each student. I don't have the account numbers, but Karen should be able to help you with that information. If you have questions, please give me a call tomorrow and I can clarify for you.

Regards,

Bill

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From: Glenda Kurten [<mailto:g-kurten@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2009 6:08 PM
To: Bill L Rooney
Cc: Karen L Prihoda
Subject: RE: Your student's financial for Fall

What you gave me was to bill your accounts for summer tuition paid on your behalf.

Below is for fall:

I have attached a spreadsheet with info from how everything was paid for the summer. Please see if everything is the same. The things that I need to know now are:

Account for their stipend:

In the past you have paid all tuition and fees for Dustin, Matt, Payne, Terry, Leo and Dan. Some of their tuition has been paid by OGS dependent on the account that their stipend was paid from. Rebecca's tuition was paid from OGS and fees from Quinby.

The students whose stipends are paid on state accounts qualify for OGS to pay their tuition, but I need to enter it in a different manner, that is why I need that information right away.

Karen, if you can help me with the stipend accounts, I would appreciate it.

thanks,
Glenda

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>>> "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> 8/30/2009 2:27 PM >>>
Glenda:

I thought we did that a couple of weeks ago.

If not, what were we doing? Was that for summer? If so, why was that in August?

I'm going to be out of town for the this week, so it will be impossible for me to do this in person.

What I would tell you is that most will return to the funding sources of the spring (or the source that I thought I was paying them for the fall, before we moved them).

If you can come up with that list, I can tweak it with help from Karen tomorrow.

Regards,
Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Glenda Kurten [<mailto:g-kurten@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2009 12:23 PM
To: Bill L Rooney
Cc: C Wayne Smith
Subject: Your student's financial for Fall

Dr. Rooney,

I have not entered any tuition and/or fees for your student because you have not gotten with me about how they will be paid and whether or not they are still to be on an assistantship.

As soon as I hear from I will enter their information. It is getting very late and they may have to pay and be reimbursed.

Thanks,
Glenda

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Payne Burks](#)"
Subject: RE: Parthi (Ceres)--Requesting sweet sorghum information
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 1:38:00 PM

Payne:

Just let him know we'll get him the information, but you and I have to get clear on what we are providing.

Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Burks, Payne [<mailto:payne11@neo.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 1:22 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Fwd: Parthi (Ceres)--Requesting sweet sorghum information

I was wondering if this would be ok to send him this information on the hybrids. I know he is from Ceres but I wanted to make sure I didn't violate our program's privacy.

Thanks,

Payne

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From: "Parthiban Radhakrishnan" <pradhakrishnan@ceres-inc.com>
To: payne11@neo.tamu.edu
Cc: "Parthiban Radhakrishnan" <pradhakrishnan@ceres-inc.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2009 4:06:27 PM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central
Subject: Parthi (Ceres)--Requesting sweet sorghum information

Hi Payne,

This is Parthi (from Ceres Inc), I collected some sweet sorghum juice with your team last Thursday at College station.

I was wondering if I could get some more information for the 15 hybrids from which I collected the juice.

I would really appreciate if you could provide me with

1. The pedigree and
2. The Brix number for the following 15 hybrids
3. Also, was the [redacted] that you used in the field a diluted one or is it straight from the bottle?

No.

Sample

Comment

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Delta Hybrid

Thanks a lot. I appreciate the help that you and your team provided last Thursday.

Sincerely,

Parthi

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(254)-784-0127

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Scott Vajdak](#)"
Subject: RE: computer problems
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 1:51:00 PM

Thanks, Scott

Karen, make sure we follow up with numbers etc.

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Scott Vajdak [<mailto:SVajdak@ag.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 1:44 PM
To: Bill L Rooney
Cc: Karen Prihoda
Subject: RE: computer problems

Hello Dr. Rooney,

HP will do like last time and send out a technician onsite with the replacement part to repair your laptop. Hopefully they will arrive sooner than last time but I went ahead and scheduled them for Monday 09/07/09. I gave them your number 979-845-2151 and your address: 405 Turk Rd.

I am going to be out of the office and out of contact (Mexico) all next week so I will not be able to follow up with them if they don't show up. If you would, please leave your laptop at your office as early as possible Monday morning just in case they do actually show up. The service technician is supposed to call us to confirm the appointment between now and then.

If you need to call HP and check on the status, you can reach them at 888-886-3292, option 2. Your CaseID is: [REDACTED]
Or, try 800-334-5144 for HP's tech support which should also be able to check on the status of that workorder.

Laptop info:
The PN# is RM296UT#ABA
The S/N is CNU7521TR7
The model is HP 8510W

-Scott-

>>> "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> 9/1/2009 1:05 PM >>>
Scott:

The PN# is RM296UT#ABA
The S/N is CNU7521TR7

The model is HP 8510W

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Scott Vajdak [<mailto:SVajdak@ag.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 9:55 AM
To: Bill L Rooney
Cc: Karen Prihoda
Subject: Re: computer problems

Hello Dr. Rooney,

I will try to get this going today- I have your invoice and serial number but not the "part number". Can you look on the bottom of your laptop and send that PN# to me?

Thanks
-Scott-

>>> "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> 8/31/2009 1:36 PM >>>
Scott:

My HP laptop is having the exact same problem that it had about a year or year and a half ago - the screen is gone, basically just glows a varying grey color. I can use another screen (like I'm doing now) and have no problem so it must be the hardware in the screen.

Last time this happened, it took over two weeks to get the problem fixed. I'm traveling this week and won't return until Friday evening so I would like to start the ordering the parts to solve the problem (unless part supply is better this time).

Also, I'm ready to look into alternative ways to travel with computer equipment. So, I'd like to visit with you on options sometime next week.

regards,

bill

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "Schmitt, Brian C."; "McCutchen, Bill"
Cc: "peterschuerman@gmail.com"; "Slovacek, Jackie"
Subject: RE: PRC recommendation to release [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 2:11:00 PM

Brian et al.

To mitigate this situation, we will do the following.

1. We will sign the documents but we will not publicly announce any release.
2. We will submit the registration, but the review process will take at least nine months, so it will not be published until after the patent application is in. Thus, there should not be any request for seed until after patent is published.
3. I think we have to take the NSSL at their word and that they will honor the block on distribution. I know they have on other items.

regarsd,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Schmitt, Brian C. [mailto:Brian.Schmitt@tamu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 9:24 AM
To: McCutchen, Bill
Cc: peterschuerman@gmail.com; Slovacek, Jackie; wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: RE: PRC recommendation to release Tx3361

Bill:

I spoke with Rob Hanson about the release yesterday. Rob indicated that we are protected by way of our recent filings.

Rob did ask about the reputation of the NSSL and whether we can feel comfortable that they will in fact not release the seed for 20 years? At this point, no-one knows about [REDACTED]. People will know for the first time when the [REDACTED] and wide hybrid applications publish. (This will be 6 months from July 24, 2009).

If we feel comfortable that NSSL will not distribute for 20 years, we could submit it for release.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Brian Schmitt

From: McCutchen, Bill
Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2009 10:17 AM
To: 'wlr@tamu.edu'
Cc: Schmitt, Brian C.; 'peterschuerman@gmail.com'; Slovacek, Jackie
Subject: Re: PRC recommendation to release Tx3361

Bill,

I am fine with this approach as long as Peter and Brian concur.

Thanks,

Bill

From: Bill Rooney <wlr@tamu.edu>
To: McCutchen, Bill
Cc: Schmitt, Brian C.; 'Peter Schuerman' <peterschuerman@gmail.com>
Sent: Sat Aug 29 12:10:39 2009
Subject: PRC recommendation to release Tx3361

Bill:

Now that the utility patents and other documentation has been filed, I am submitting [REDACTED] for official release.

I propose that we release the germplasm and register it in the Journal of Plant Registrations. To do so, seed will be deposited with NSSL and we will request that they hold any distributions for 20 years. This will last throughout the life of the patent. If you are in agreement, please sign and return to me. For your reference (and the lawyers and OTC), I've also attached a copy of the registration manuscript that we will submit once release is officially approved.

If you've got questions, please let me know.

Regards,

bill

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Chambliss, Kevin"](#)
Subject: RE: 06 ACCOUNT 570491
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 3:26:00 PM

Kevin:

If you would send the request to Bill Hawke and copy me, that should suffice.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Chambliss, Kevin [mailto:Kevin_Chambliss@baylor.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 2:54 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: RE: 06 ACCOUNT 570491

Bill,

I suppose an extension would be a good idea. We didn't have any trouble spending the funds but some additional time to tie up experimental work related to the stated objectives would be appreciated. Do I send an email to Bill Hawke or should that be sent by you? Let me know what you need from me, and I'll provide it ASAP.

Regards,

Kevin

From: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Sent: 2009-08-31 13:17
To: Chambliss, Kevin
Cc: 'Pam Wilhelm'; 'Karen L Pihoda'; 'William Hawke'
Subject: RE: 06 ACCOUNT 570491

Kevin:

Did you need a extension on the funds? See below and let me know if you do.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: William Hawke [mailto:WPHawke@ag.tamu.edu]
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2009 12:37 PM
To: Pam Wilhelm
Cc: Bill L Rooney
Subject: Re: 06 ACCOUNT 570491

Dr. Rooney and Pam,

I need an E-mail from Dr. Rooney indicating that he wishes to grant a no cost extension to Baylor University which would extend Baylor's period of performance to 07/31/2010.

Account # 503900 received a no cost extension 6 days ago. FAMIS now reflects a project end date of 08/14/2010.

Regards,
Bill

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>>> Pam Wilhelm 8/27/2009 8:24 AM >>>
Good Morning Bill,

I need to check and see if an extension request is in place for Dr. Bill Rooney on the above sub award (base account is 503799). If not, he needs to request one and we need to let him know that needs to be started.

Also, he would like to check on account 503900 with the University of Florida. Has an extension been requested on it?

Thanks.

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Glenda Kurten"](#)
Cc: ["Hoffmann, Leo, Jr"](#)
Subject: RE: Your student's financial for Fall
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 3:28:00 PM

I have no problem with paying T and F up to nine hours, but I don't know if we can because he is not on assistantship at this time. If we can, then I will. If we can't then I recommend to Leo that he decide how much to pay. I expect he can make up the research hours in another semester.

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Glenda Kurten [<mailto:g-kurten@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 3:22 PM
To: Bill L Rooney
Subject: RE: Your student's financial for Fall

Bill,

I just visited with Leo, and his wife by phone. His wife's staff teaching position allows him to receive a waiver of out of state tuition, they just hadn't requested it thinking that the info needed to get him on payroll would arrive soon. He thinks he will get it in the next couple of days. So regardless of his status of being on payroll he will receive a waiver of out of state tuition. He has remained registered for 9 hours; 3 hrs class and 6 hrs research.

I recommended that he get an emergency tuition loan to cover his bill for now so we would have time to work out his issues. He is going to do that so we have a reprieve until Thurs or Fri.

At this time I think I would recommend him staying registered for the 9 hrs since he should get the waiver that way if he gets the necessary paperwork we can put him on. I am not sure if it will be possible to put him on an assistantship like in Oct or Nov or not. We will just have to see when he receives the paperwork that is "in the mail".

Bottom line....let me know if you want him to drop the 6 hrs of research or not.

Thanks for your help
Glenda

>>> "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> 9/1/2009 1:15 PM >>>
Glenda:

No, we can't pay the out of state tuition on that many hours. The main question (for Leo and you) is what he is enrolled in. If it is only research hours, then I suggest we drop back to a single hour until he is back on payroll. If there is a class, then we pay only for those hours. Bottom line, is that is cannot go higher than what a full time student would have.

Another issue, once Leo gets on payroll will we have a problem with paying him if he is not full time enrolled?

Bill

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From: Glenda Kurten [<mailto:g-kurten@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 12:45 PM
To: Bill L Rooney
Cc: Karen L Pihoda
Subject: RE: Your student's financial for Fall

I posted tuition and fees to your students account based on the stipend accounts that I listed on the spreadsheet (if pd state money entered OGS tuition payments). I will bill you for the t&f that you are paying in a couple of months after 12th class day and after all this compass mess gets straightened out. At that time your accounts that I need to bill can be changed if need be.

I did have a couple of issues:

Leo Hoffman is still not able to be on payroll. He registered for 9 hours and is not eligible for the out of state waiver. I have not paid any tuition or fees on him.

You're right Rebecca is on dept money for t&f. We are going to pay all of the 16 hours with the stipulation with her that we won't pay anything next semester if she doesn't graduate in Dec.

Dan had only registered but for 1 hour so I haven't entered anything for him. He has been sent an email about his registration.

Thanks,
Glenda

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>>> "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> 8/31/2009 6:43 PM >>>
Glenda:

Here is a list of the sources to pay T and F for each student. I don't have the account numbers, but Karen should be able to help you with that information. If you have questions, please give me a call tomorrow and I can clarify for you.

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Glenda Kurten [<mailto:g-kurten@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2009 6:08 PM
To: Bill L Rooney
Cc: Karen L Prihoda
Subject: RE: Your student's financial for Fall

What you gave me was to bill your accounts for summer tuition paid on your behalf.

Below is for fall:

I have attached a spreadsheet with info from how everything was paid for the summer. Please see if everything is the same. The things that I need to know now are:

Account for their stipend:

In the past you have paid all tuition and fees for Dustin, Matt, Payne, Terry, Leo and Dan. Some of their tuition has been paid by OGS dependent on the account that their stipend was paid from. Rebecca's tuition was paid from OGS and fees from Quinby.

The students whose stipends are paid on state accounts qualify for OGS to pay their tuition, but I need to enter it in a different manner, that is why I need that information right away.

Karen, if you can help me with the stipend accounts, I would appreciate it.

thanks,
Glenda

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>>> "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> 8/30/2009 2:27 PM >>>
Glenda:

I thought we did that a couple of weeks ago.

If not, what were we doing? Was that for summer? If so, why was that in August?

I'm going to be out of town for the this week, so it will be impossible for me to do this in person.

What I would tell you is that most will return to the funding sources of the spring (or the source that I

thought I was paying them for the fall, before we moved them).

If you can come up with that list, I can tweak it with help from Karen tomorrow.

Regards,
Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Glenda Kurten [<mailto:g-kurten@tamu.edu>]

Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2009 12:23 PM

To: Bill L Rooney

Cc: C Wayne Smith

Subject: Your student's financial for Fall

Dr. Rooney,

I have not entered any tuition and/or fees for your student because you have not gotten with me about how they will be paid and whether or not they are still to be on an assistantship.

As soon as I hear from I will enter their information. It is getting very late and they may have to pay and be reimbursed.

Thanks,
Glenda

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Prihoda, Karen L.](#)"
Subject: RE: Just so you know
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 3:36:00 PM

Thanks, bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Prihoda, Karen L [<mailto:k-prihoda@neo.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 3:34 PM
To: Dr. Bill Rooney
Subject: Just so you know

Wayne Smith called this morning wanted to know what we were doing with all the extra space we had out in our building. I laughed and said we don't have any. That right now it has two combines, three headers, two sweet press machines and a seed cleaning machine. He said are ya'll parking cars in there and I said no that we are not. I told him maybe he is thinking about upstairs, but that Dennis was up there and Soils has built a room up there and now Blumenthal has built an office up there. So I have no idea what he was looking for other than a place for something or someone.

Karen

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["John Mullet"](#)
Cc: ["Stelly David"](#)
Subject: RE: DARPA
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 3:59:00 PM

John:

I am working on the Goals I and III this afternoon. I'm not sure of what David has on goal III but I'll be in touch and I will pass a draft later this evening or early tomorrow morning.

I've looked that Goal II and I'm going to use that format for the other two goals.

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: John Mullet [<mailto:jmullet@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 9:32 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: DARPA

Bill,

Dr. McCutchen and Giroir are getting anxious to have a DARPA proposal to give to the Director.

Have you had a chance to look over Bob Avant's draft and to send him comments?

I will continue to work on the Energy Sorghum draft and will contact David Stelly to see how the wide hybrid section is progressing.

Thanks,

John

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Rene Clara"](#)
Cc: ["Joan Frederick"](#)
Subject: RE: PCCMCA meeting
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 6:36:00 PM

If you find an alternative traveler, please send the name and presentation topic.

It is late and I expect it will be difficult to find that person.

In that case, we will discuss exactly what to do with the funds if they are not spent for travel.

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rene Clara [mailto:reneclara@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 6:29 PM
To: Bill Rooney; 'Joan Frederick'
Subject: RE: PCCMCA meeting

Dear Dr. Bill,

Max Hernández has resigned to go to the PCCMCA for having familiar problems. We see if we can replace it, but we have not found candidate.

I warn you to know that we do with these funds, if we do not find candidate.

Regards,

René

--- El **vie 28-ago-09**, **Bill Rooney** <wlr@tamu.edu> escribió:

De: Bill Rooney <wlr@tamu.edu>
Asunto: RE: PCCMCA meeting
A: ""Rene Clara"" <reneclara@yahoo.com>, ""Joan Frederick""
<jfrefederi@unlnotes.unl.edu>
Fecha: viernes, 28 agosto, 2009, 8:51 am

[That's fine.](#)

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rene Clara [mailto:reneclara@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2009 9:34 PM
To: Bill Rooney; Joan Frederick
Subject: PCCMCA meeting

Dear Bill and Joan,

The things have changed. Vilma, Max and Salvador , they have obtained financing of another source to travel round plane, INTSORMIL will only pay to them the hotel, meals, registration and other expenses. Only Dr. Jaco would travel round ground.

We have to reduce to Vilma, Max and Salvador the cost of the bus of going and return (\$ 175.00 each one) totalizing \$ 525.00 more his allocation for ground (\$ 1,025), we would have a whole of \$ 1,550.00. The cost of the trip for plane would be of \$ 1,900, Dr. Jaco would lack \$ 350.00, which I think to take it of the remaining fund of CENTA-INTSORMIL to complete his trip.

These you in agreement or you have another option?

Regards,

René

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Avant, Bob](#)"; "[Mullet, John E.](#)"
Cc: "[McCutchen, Bill](#)"
Subject: RE: DARPA-1 draft
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 9:00:00 PM

Bob:

Those are fair comments. I agree that a slightly different spin is appropriate. I think the final document will be a merge of some of the traditional approaches with a little more in dryland conditions. Searcy and Richardson sections are appropriate and they will have to add that section at some point (unless Bob has material to fit in already).

I'm working on section 3 (wide hybrids tonite). I will attempt some modifications on section 1 tomorrow.

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Avant, Bob [<mailto:bavant@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 7:56 PM
To: Mullet, John E.; Bill Rooney
Cc: McCutchen, Bill
Subject: RE: DARPA-1 draft

I have several questions/thoughts.

1. Should we include in the sorghum development distressed conditions since this directly applies to many strategic military areas. We already are developing hybrids for normal production under the Ceres agreement. Aren't we asking DARPA to fund essentially what we are doing with Ceres and wouldn't DARPA raise this question? At the meeting with Doug, developing sorghums for drought and saline conditions seemed get some traction with him ie Pecos, Fort Bliss, etc. We could still use hybrids developed under high rainfall in Hawaii. This is why I thought we should put a slightly different spin on the sorghum development program.
2. WH would be a separate task
3. Doug likes Richardson's modeling, which is why I think we should include a small eco task to validate the application of sorghum.

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-----Original Message-----

From: John Mullet [<mailto:jmullet@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 10:57 AM
To: Avant, Bob; Bill Rooney
Cc: McCutchen, Bill
Subject: DARPA-1 draft

Bob and Bill,

I made some suggestions on the objectives listed in the first draft of Objective 1 for your consideration.

Thanks,

John

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["McCutchen, Bill"](#)
Cc: ["Mullet, John E."](#); ["Avant, Bob"](#); ["Stelly, David"](#)
Subject: RE: DARPA-1 draft
Date: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 6:44:00 AM

Bill, I'm working on the draft that will have Weslaco included. There are three files flowing around right now. Nothing is fixed on any level at this time.

I hope to have outlines of Goal 1 and Goal 3 out later this morning. Stelly will work on three as well.

I expect this will coalesce late this week and be ready first of next week.

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: McCutchen, Bill [<mailto:bmccutchen@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 10:19 PM
To: Avant, Bob; Mullet, John E.; wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: Re: DARPA-1 draft

What about Weslaco and cane program? I think it needs (has) to be in proposal - it might be I haven't had time to read.

Bill

----- Original Message -----

From: Avant, Bob
To: Mullet, John E.; Bill Rooney <wlr@tamu.edu>
Cc: McCutchen, Bill
Sent: Tue Sep 01 19:56:05 2009
Subject: RE: DARPA-1 draft

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Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 10:57 AM
To: Avant, Bob; Bill Rooney
Cc: McCutchen, Bill
Subject: DARPA-1 draft

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Thanks,

John

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Hoffmann, Leo, Jr](#)"
Subject: RE: Your student's financial for Fall
Date: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 8:38:00 AM

Leo, Thanks for the update.

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hoffmann, Leo, Jr [<mailto:leohjr@neo.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 8:05 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Re: Your student's financial for Fall

Dr. Rooney

yesterday I had to ask for a tuition and fees loan. (Glenda's idea) Also I asked for instate tuition through my wife department. For now I am good. She told me that they will pay the balance as it comes later!

More information when you get here.

Thanks for your attention!

LHJ

----- Original Message -----

From: "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu>
To: "Glenda Kurten" <g-kurten@tamu.edu>
Cc: "Leo 'Hoffmann, Jr'" <leohjr@neo.tamu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2009 3:28:38 PM GMT -06:00 US/Canada Central
Subject: RE: Your student's financial for Fall

I have no problem with paying T and F up to nine hours, but I don't know if we can because he is not on assistantship at this time. If we can, then I will. If we can't then I recommend to Leo that he decide how much to pay. I expect he can make up the research hours in another semester.

Regards,

Bill

Dr. William L. Rooney
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-----Original Message-----

From: Glenda Kurten [<mailto:g-kurten@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 3:22 PM
To: Bill L Rooney
Subject: RE: Your student's financial for Fall

Bill,

I just visited with Leo, and his wife by phone. His wife's staff teaching position allows him to receive a waiver of out of state tuition, they just hadn't requested it thinking that the info needed to get him on payroll would arrive soon. He thinks he will get it in the next couple of days. So regardless of his status of being on payroll he will receive a waiver of out of state tuition. He has remained registered for 9 hours; 3 hrs class and 6 hrs research.

I recommended that he get an emergency tuition loan to cover his bill for now so we would have time to work out his issues. He is going to do that so we have a reprieve until Thurs or Fri.

At this time I think I would recommend him staying registered for the 9 hrs since he should get the waiver that way if he gets the necessary paperwork we can put him on. I am not sure if it will be possible to put him on an assistantship like in Oct or Nov or not. We will just have to see when he receives the paperwork that is "in the mail".

Bottom line....let me know if you want him to drop the 6 hrs of research or not.

Thanks for your help
Glenda

>>> "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> 9/1/2009 1:15 PM >>>
Glenda:

No, we can't pay the out of state tuition on that many hours. The main question (for Leo and you) is what he is enrolled in. If it is only research hours, then I suggest we drop back to a single hour until he is back on payroll. If there is a class, then we pay only for those hours. Bottom line, is that is cannot go higher than what a full time student would have.

Another issue, once Leo gets on payroll will we have a problem with paying him if he is not full time enrolled?

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Glenda Kurten [<mailto:g-kurten@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 12:45 PM
To: Bill L Rooney
Cc: Karen L Prihoda
Subject: RE: Your student's financial for Fall

I posted tuition and fees to your students account based on the stipend accounts that I listed on the spreadsheet (if pd state money entered OGS tuition payments). I will bill you for the t&f that you are paying in a couple of months after 12th class day and after all this compass mess gets straightened out. At that time your accounts that I need to bill can be changed if need be.

I did have a couple of issues:

Leo Hoffman is still not able to be on payroll. He registered for 9 hours and is not eligible for the out of state waiver. I have not paid any tuition or fees on him.

You're right Rebecca is on dept money for t&f. We are going to pay all of the 16 hours with the stipulation with her that we won't pay anything next semester if she doesn't graduate in Dec.

Dan had only registered but for 1 hour so I haven't entered anything for him. He has been sent an email about his registration.

Thanks,
Glenda

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>>> "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> 8/31/2009 6:43 PM >>>
Glenda:

Here is a list of the sources to pay T and F for each student. I don't have the account numbers, but Karen should be able to help you with that information. If you have questions, please give me a call tomorrow and I can clarify for you.

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Glenda Kurten [<mailto:g-kurten@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2009 6:08 PM
To: Bill L Rooney
Cc: Karen L Pihoda
Subject: RE: Your student's financial for Fall

What you gave me was to bill your accounts for summer tuition paid on your behalf.

Below is for fall:

I have attached a spreadsheet with info from how everything was paid for the summer. Please see if everything is the same. The things that I need to know now are:

Account for their stipend:

In the past you have paid all tuition and fees for Dustin, Matt, Payne, Terry, Leo and Dan. Some of their tuition has been paid by OGS dependent on the account that their stipend was paid from. Rebecca's tuition was paid from OGS and fees from Quinby.

The students whose stipends are paid on state accounts qualify for OGS to pay their tuition, but I need to enter it in a different manner, that is why I need that information right away.

Karen, if you can help me with the stipend accounts, I would appreciate it.

thanks,
Glenda

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>>> "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> 8/30/2009 2:27 PM >>>
Glenda:

I thought we did that a couple of weeks ago.

If not, what were we doing? Was that for summer? If so, why was that in August?

I'm going to be out of town for the this week, so it will be impossible for me to do this in person.

What I would tell you is that most will return to the funding sources of the spring (or the source that I thought I was paying them for the fall, before we moved them).

If you can come up with that list, I can tweak it with help from Karen tomorrow.

Regards,
Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Glenda Kurten [<mailto:g-kurten@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2009 12:23 PM
To: Bill L Rooney
Cc: C Wayne Smith
Subject: Your student's financial for Fall

Dr. Rooney,

I have not entered any tuition and/or fees for your student because you have not gotten with me about how they will be paid and whether or not they are still to be on an assistantship.

As soon as I hear from I will enter their information. It is getting very late and they may have to pay and be reimbursed.

Thanks,
Glenda

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["William Hawke"](#)
Subject: RE: Account # 570491- Baylor No-Cost Extension Request
Date: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 9:16:00 AM

Bill:

Yes please do extend their grant period as was done with mine section of this project.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: William Hawke [mailto:WPHawke@ag.tamu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 9:12 AM
To: Bill L Rooney
Cc: Pam Wilhelm; Stacy Ferrell
Subject: Account # 570491- Baylor No-Cost Extension Request

Dr. Rooney,

Do you wish to grant a period of performance extension to Baylor Univ. as requested below ?
Please Advise.....

Thanks,
Bill

William P. Hawke
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>>> "Chambliss, Kevin" <Kevin_Chambliss@baylor.edu> 9/1/2009 3:00 PM >>>
Hi Bill,

I'm writing to request that a no-cost extension be granted on the Baylor University subcontract affiliated with our collaborative work with Dr. Bill Rooney funded by USDA-CSREES. Although we have essentially expended all funding related to this subcontract, a few more months to tie up experimental work related to proposed objectives will be quite beneficial. If possible, I propose that the end date of the no-cost extension be 7/31/2010 to maintain consistency with the TAMU portion of the overall budget.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information, and thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Best regards,

Kevin

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Schmitt, Brian C."](#)
Subject: RE: Wide Hybridization Progress Meeting-Confidential
Date: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 12:40:00 PM

Brian: I will join as time permits, but I will likely be in and out of the meeting.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Schmitt, Brian C. [mailto:Brian.Schmitt@tamu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 10:10 AM
To: Hanson, Robert E.; Baltensperger, David; RJessup@ag.tamu.edu; nmelhout@tamu.edu; jmgould@ag.tamu.edu; Stelly_David; George L Hodnett; Bill Rooney; McCutchen, Bill; Mullet, John E.; Erik Mirkov; e-mirkov@tamu.edu; Keerti Rathore; Avant, Bob
Cc: Zak, Kendra; Schuerman, Peter L.
Subject: FW: Wide Hybridization Progress Meeting-Confidential
Importance: High

All:

If anyone has substantive comments regarding the contents of the email I sent just prior to this one, please contact me by phone. Just use your best judgment when putting things in writing regarding this project.

For non-substantive comments, feel free to email or call.

Regards,

Brian Schmitt

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From: Schmitt, Brian C.

Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 10:05 AM

To: 'Hanson, Robert E.'; Baltensperger, David; 'RJessup@ag.tamu.edu'; 'nmelhout@tamu.edu'; 'jmgould@ag.tamu.edu'; 'Stelly_David'; 'George L Hodnett'; 'Bill Rooney'; McCutchen, Bill; Mullet, John E.; 'Erik Mirkov'; 'e-mirkov@tamu.edu'; 'Keerti Rathore'; Avant, Bob

Cc: Zak, Kendra; Schuerman, Peter L.

Subject: Wide Hybridization Progress Meeting-Confidential

Importance: High

All:

I have attached the Wide Hybridization Progress Meeting Agenda for tomorrow's meeting, as a Microsoft Word Document. Please feel free to suggest changes or make comments.

Lunch will be provided at this meeting.

Discussion of Transgenic Intergeneric Hybrids:

We will be discussing a provisional application that was filed on or about July 24, 2009 regarding the production of transgenic intergeneric hybrids. This will be a main focus of this meeting. I have attached a copy of this application as an Adobe PDF. I would ask T. Erik Mirkov and Keerti Rathore to generally familiarize themselves with this application. Particularly, I'd like you to focus on the claim set spanning PDF pgs. 47-49. Section VII- "Examples" PDF pgs. 34-40, Section IV- "Selection, Production and Characterization of Stably Transformed Plants" PDF pgs. 26-34, Section III- "Transformation Constructions, Nucleic Acids and Polypeptides" PDF pgs. 18-26 and Sections I-II PDF pgs. 9-26.

This is a voluminous document and I do not expect anyone to have read it cover to cover. I just want the transgenic PI's to have some familiarity with the contents of the application.

Discussion of Sorcane Agronomics:

We do not have much background on sorcane agronomics and Rob and I will be relying on the Weslaco folks to lead this discussion.

Let me know if there are any questions regarding the meeting. Again, feel free to make comments on the proposed agenda.

Regards,

Brian Schmitt

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Rene Clara"](#)
Cc: ["Joan Frederick"](#); ["John Yohe"](#)
Subject: RE: PCCMCA meeting
Date: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 6:27:00 PM

Rene:

I cannot approve that travel because the work to be presented is not with the work plan of the INTSORMIL CRSP.

regards,

bill

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From: Rene Clara [mailto:reneclara@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 3:18 PM
To: Bill Rooney; Joan Frederick
Cc: José Aguilar Baidés
Subject: PCCMCA meeting

Dr. Bill,

The Manager of Investigation of the CENTA Ing. José Aguilar Baidés, is proposing us to Ing. Wilfredo Castaneda, rice breeder, like substitution of the Ing. Máximo Hernández, to go to the PCCMCA meeting.

His topic will be: "Evaluation of promissory lines of rice for his yield and diseases reactions in El Salvador"

I want to know on his approval.

Regards,

René

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Stelly_David"](#)
Cc: ["Avant Bob"](#); ["Mullet John"](#); ["McCutchen Bill"](#)
Subject: RE: DARPA draft
Date: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 6:36:00 PM

David:

I'm going to wait for your full revision rather than get partials started back and forth.

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Stelly_David [<mailto:stelly@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 5:51 PM
To: Avant Bob; Mullet John; Rooney Bill; McCutchen Bill
Cc: Stelly_David David M.
Subject: Re: DARPA draft

I have obligations for a few hours, so I will send out now what I have completed (thru Research Plan Objective-1) and resume work later.

I simply focused on the Version that Bill Rooney shared for the WH work.

David

On Sep 2, 2009, at 3:18 PM, Avant, Bob wrote:

> Under the Project Deliverables section, I think we should include
> logistics and economics bullets. I won't have time until Thur evening
> on way back from Albuquerque to edit more. Have to prepare for that
> meeting by 9 am in morning.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: John Mullet [<mailto:jmullet@tamu.edu>]
> Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 8:06 AM
> To: Avant, Bob; Bill Rooney; Stelly_David Stelly
> Cc: McCutchen, Bill
> Subject: DARPA draft

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> All,
>
> I revised the front part of our proposal and provided space for the
> GOAL
> implementation plans/budgets we are developing.
>
> Thanks,
>
> John
>

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["George L Hodnett"](#)
Subject: last review
Date: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 6:43:00 PM

George:

I don't know if you've looked at Ryan Viator's ARS internal review, but I just took a brief look at it. There is essentially little to nothing in the review that is major.

I don't know whether you have submitted already or not, but here is what I would do.

First, send Anna the latest version if you have not already done so.

Allow her to make the needed changes to satisfy Ed Richard. I'm sure she'll send them to you as well.

Hopefully, you've already sent the manuscript to Crop Science, but if not, I wouldn't wait on these revisions, I would send in the version you already have. There is not enough in that review to justify our time on mickey-mouse ARS procedures.

I will be submitting the registration manuscript for Tx3361 on Friday.

regards,

bill

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["John Mullet"](#)
Subject: RE: goal I
Date: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 6:46:00 PM

I agree and that is a relatively easy one to do.

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: John Mullet [mailto:jmullet@tamu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 3:49 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Cc: Bob Avant
Subject: Re: goal I

Bill,

I would suggest including Puerto Rico as a testing location (tropical adaptation, lower latitude).

John

On Sep 2, 2009, at 1:49 PM, Bill Rooney wrote:

Bob:

I made an attempt on Goal I, but I'm not very happy with it. I think we tore up the original that you sent and I'm not sure that this is any better.

It is obvious that the logistics need to be included, and I simply used the information that you provided. I assume that you can fill this in as needed and if you need to consult with Steve that you will do so.

I am not sure at all about the economics portion - probably needs some more discussion. If it is included then I definitely think that Richardson needs to be brought in for writing.

Finally, objective 1 is primarily breeding/evaluation and I'm comfortable with that. Objective 2 is agronomics and I can write that, but we must discuss who (singular or plural) should be the lead on that objective. I think a discussion is necessary.

Comments,

Bill

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<GOAL I.doc>

Thomas (director of DDCE technology) and our two co-heads of technology at the parent companies. We don't need to redo the day you spent with Kyle and I but it would be good to give them an hour or so briefing on sorghum and your sorghum programs.

Are you or someone in your group available?

Thanks much,

Vonnie

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Avant, Bob"](#)
Cc: ["John Mullet"](#)
Subject: RE: DARPA draft
Date: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 6:50:00 PM

Bob:

I understand and agree. We need additional input on that (or have you write them).

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Avant, Bob [<mailto:bavant@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 3:19 PM
To: Mullet, John E.; Bill Rooney; Stelly_David Stelly
Cc: McCutchen, Bill
Subject: RE: DARPA draft

Under the Project Deliverables section, I think we should include logistics and economics bullets. I won't have time until Thur evening on way back from Albuquerque to edit more. Have to prepare for that meeting by 9 am in morning.

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From: John Mullet [<mailto:jmullet@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 8:06 AM
To: Avant, Bob; Bill Rooney; Stelly_David Stelly
Cc: McCutchen, Bill
Subject: DARPA draft

All,

I revised the front part of our proposal and provided space for the GOAL implementation plans/budgets we are developing.

Thanks,

John

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Carlos Ludlow](#)"
Subject: RE: VISIT
Date: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 6:53:00 PM

Carlos:

Do you have an update on the feasibility of Sept 24-26?

It will work for me, if I can leave early on Saturday, Sept 26.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carlos Ludlow [mailto:cludlow@bioe.com.mx]
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2009 10:33 AM
To: 'Bill Rooney'
Cc: 'Jesus Campos'; Sergio Serna Saldivar
Subject: RE: VISIT

Bill,

So, please consider traveling Thursday 24 and returning sat 26 september.

If you like we can arrange for some tourist visits in Guanajuato city for Saturday morning.

Please advise your desired flights.

I am asking all people involved from our side, including Dr. Serna, to confirm their availability. I'll confirm you next Tuesday at the most late.

Saludos and thanks.

=====
Carlos Ludlow

Coordinador

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De: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Enviado el: viernes, 28 de agosto de 2009 06:55 a.m.
Para: 'Carlos Ludlow'
Asunto: RE: VISIT

Carlos:

The timeline Thurs pm to Sat am is good, but I can not travel Sept 17-19 due to meetings in College Station

The earliest dates for both schedules is the week of Sept 21.

If I leave Thurs pm and return Sat am, then that would be 1.5 consulting days. The fee would be \$2100 + travel expenses.

Regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carlos Ludlow [mailto:cludlow@bioe.com.mx]
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2009 5:56 PM
To: 'Bill Rooney'
Subject: RE: VISIR

Bill,

If you can flight Thursday noon and arrive to Leon by late afternoon, we can work all Friday and you can flight back Saturday.

Would that be possible? Week of Sept 14 will be better or sept 21. The sooner the best you can see the plantations.

Would that be one day or two days consulting fee?

Please advise

=====
Carlos Ludlow

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De: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Enviado el: jueves, 27 de agosto de 2009 05:36 p.m.
Para: 'Carlos Ludlow'
Asunto: RE: VISIR

Carlos:

Thanks for your note.

My experience is primarily focused on sweet sorghum production, biology, genetics, and physiology. Based on my interaction with industry, I know a fair amount regarding harvest and harvest logistics.

My schedule is not so easy; I have to teach on Tuesday and Thursday, and since classes don't start until next week, I'm not sure which day is best for me to miss.

The first available time is the week of September 21, although I will not be able to pick the specific dates until classes begin next Tuesday.

I can fly to either Leon or Mexico City - Continental flies direct to both on a daily basis, so I will travel to the location most beneficial to you.

I consider this a consulting trip; my fee is \$1400/day (USD) plus travel expenses. I wanted you to be aware before we start - if there are any questions, please let me know.

I'm available for a call tomorrow afternoon. Next week, I can join a conference call in the evening hours (after 6pm CDT) anyday except Friday.

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carlos Ludlow [mailto:cludlow@bioe.com.mx]
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2009 4:26 PM
To: 'Bill Rooney'
Cc: 'Dr. Sergio Román Othón Saldivar'; 'Jesús Campos'; 'MACIAS RODRIGUEZ Roberto Enrique'
Subject: VISIR

Dear Bill,

Thanks for your prompt response.

Our group is in the process of setting up the complete (My God!) value chain having its center in the bioethanol, that Mexico is heading to use by end of 2010. You very imagine the magnitude of the project, starting with plantations (and seeds and fertilizers, etc) and extending to biomass bagasse, hot water, etc. utilization, We will talk a lot on this issue

Our best option is the sweet sorghum, which we have bring studying for two years. After a whole day session, with Sergio Serna we see this option more and more as the way to go.

This same week we are harvesting the first samples of the 20 varieties under study, so a visit from you as early as possible will be very important.

When and how would to suggest we establish this relation? On dates, we are open, excluding Sept 9 to Sept 16.

You can flight either to Mexico City, where we can meet with other investors, or to Querétaro Airport or Bajío Airport (City of Leon in Guanajuato State.)

Please acknowledge and give a proper time for a conference call and for a two day visit.

Muchos saludos

=====

Carlos Ludlow

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De: Dr. Sergio Román Othón Saldivar [mailto:sserna@itesm.mx]
Enviado el: miércoles, 26 de agosto de 2009 03:55 p.m.
Para: cludlow@bioe.com.mx
CC: 'Bill Rooney'
Asunto: FW:

Dear Bill: I am forwarding your email to Ing. Carlos Ludlow (cludlow@bioe.com.mx) who is the leader of the sweet sorghum ethanol project. Thanks for your prompt response and willing to accept their invitation to visit Queretaro. Sergio

From: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Sent: Miércoles, 26 de Agosto de 2009 01:30 p.m.
To: 'Dr. Sergio Román Othón Saldivar'
Subject: RE:

Sergio

Thanks for the note - Megan and the boys are fine. Will is starting at TAMU as a freshman, co majoring in Ag Engineering and Poultry Science. Time moves on.

Yes I would be interested in seeing what they are doing. If you can put me in contact with them, that would be great.

My best to you and your family.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Dr. Sergio Román Othón Saldívar [mailto:sserna@itesm.mx]

Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2009 11:16 AM

To: 'Bill Rooney'

Subject:

Dear Bill: hope you, Megan and the family are doing OK. I am contacting you because the JADE Bioethanol group wants to invite you to Queretaro to talk about weet sorghum and biomass sorghum. FYI they are running the second cycle of 16 entries of sweet sorghums from ICRISAT. They are willing to pay your expenses and the consulting fee. Are you interested? Please let me know. Sergio

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Rene Clara"](#)
Subject: RE: PCCMCA meeting
Date: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 10:07:00 PM

Use what you need to get the sorghum presenters there. We will use the remainder of the money in El Salvador as appropriate.

regards,

bill

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From: Rene Clara [mailto:reneclara@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 9:36 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Cc: 'Joan Frederick'; 'John Yohe'
Subject: RE: PCCMCA meeting

Dr. Bill,

Well, already let's close the support of the PCCMCA meeting and let's think that to do with the \$ 870.00, which remain of the initial support of \$ 1,025 that was given to Max Hernández. I remind to you that we take \$ 155 from him to do that Dr. Mario Jaco will travel in plane.

René

--- El **mié 2-sep-09**, **Bill Rooney** <wlr@tamu.edu> escribió:

De: Bill Rooney <wlr@tamu.edu>
Asunto: RE: PCCMCA meeting
A: "'Rene Clara'" <reneclara@yahoo.com>
Cc: "'Joan Frederick'" <jfrefederi@unlnotes.unl.edu>, "'John Yohe'" <jyohe@unlnotes.unl.edu>
Fecha: miércoles, 2 septiembre, 2009, 8:30 pm

Rene:

I cannot approve that travel because the work to be presented is not with the work plan of the INTSORMIL CRSP.

regards,

bill

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From: Rene Clara [mailto:reneclara@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 3:18 PM
To: Bill Rooney; Joan Frederick
Cc: José Aguilar Baidés
Subject: PCCMCA meeting

Dr. Bill,

The Manager of Investigation of the CENTA Ing. José Aguilar Baidés, is proposing us to Ing. Wilfredo Castaneda, rice breeder, like substitution of the Ing. Máximo Hernández, to go to the PCCMCA meeting.

His topic will be: "Evaluation of promissory lines of rice for his yield and diseases reactions in El Salvador"

I want to know on his approval.

Regards,

René

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To: ["Robert M. Harris"](#)
Subject: RE: Possible trop to Houston
Date: Thursday, September 03, 2009 8:46:00 AM

Bob:

Would an afternoon meeting work for you on Monday?

I've got a meeting that I really need to be at in the morning in College Station, but I could very likely be in Houston a little after 1 pm.

Let me know if that works for you.

regards,

bill

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From: Robert M. Harris [mailto:rharris@nj.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 4:27 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Re: Possible trop to Houston

Meeting or not. Can we meet as our consultant without the MD Anderson group? I will call Bill in the morning. I'm at Dallas Fort Worth Airport headed to Jackson Hole. I expect to be in Houston on the 7th or the AM of the 8th.

Bob

On 9/1/09 8:57 AM, "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> wrote:

Thanks for the note. I'll try to make the meeting, but I know that you and Bill M. have been in discussions yesterday and more this week (possibly), so I'll see how some of that goes before confirming the meeting.

regards,

bill

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From: Robert M. Harris [<mailto:rharris@nj.rr.com>]

Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2009 8:03 AM

To: Bill Rooney

Subject: FW: Possible trop to Houston

If I can get Dr. Herbst to get a meeting at MDACC set up for September 8 – day after Labor Day – can you make it down to Houston for a preliminary meeting? Perhaps your Dad would care to join us as well. I M GOING TO JACKON HOLE SEPTEMBER 1 and will come back thru Dallas on September 6 and then to Houston on Sunday. That means I would have Monday to await the meeting on the 8th if we can bring it off. I am open to do that.

Bob

----- Forwarded Message

From: "Herbst,Roy S" <rherbst@mdanderson.org>

Date: Sun, 30 Aug 2009 07:28:01 -0500

To: "Robert M. Harris" <rharris@nj.rr.com>

Cc: Jim Harris <jaharris4@yahoo.com>, "Tran,Bich N" <btran@mdanderson.org>

Conversation: Possible trop to Houston

Subject: RE: Possible trop to Houston

Hi Bob-

I just emailed Mike Fisch and will call him tomorrow- I will see if this works for him (will you be able to get the A and M guys on this short notice?- or perhaps this could serve just as a preliminary meeting).

I will ask Bich Tran who you know to please work to help us coordinate this visit (her number is 7137944272 or 7137926363)

Tx

Roy

Roy S. Herbst, M.D., Ph.D.

Professor of Medicine

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Email: rherbst@mdanderson.org

From: Robert M. Harris [rharris@nj.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 29, 2009 6:27 PM
To: Herbst,Roy S
Cc: Jim Harris
Subject: Possible trop to Houston

Thanks for setting up the telephone conference yesterday. I may be going to visit my son Jim on September 1 at Jackson Hole and return home on the 6th of September thru Dallas (flights on the 7th or 8th sold out from Jackson). My thought was to take AA to DFW and fly to Houston on Sunday the 6th from Dallas IF we can set up a meeting on Tuesday AM early on the 8th (after Labor Day) if convenient for your colleagues. I would attempt to have someone from A&M join me if feasible.

I know I'm trying to combine the "un-combinable" but what do you think? Otherwise I will fly home from Jackson on the 6th and set up a meeting later in Houston but time is tight for the state funding program. Need to confirm ticket by tomorrow evening so let me know best bet if you can. Sorry to put you under the gun. Best wishes.

Bob

cell: 201-618-9709
home: 201-568-0382

NY APT (there now) 212-879-5025

----- End of Forwarded Message

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Slovacek, Jackie](#)"
Subject: RE: DARPA draft
Date: Thursday, September 03, 2009 8:47:00 AM

Jackie:

I have obligations after 11 am. I am open until that time.

Regards,

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Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 8:29 AM
To: wlr@tamu.edu; stelly@tamu.edu; Mullet, John E.
Cc: McCutchen, Bill; Avant, Bob; Zak, Kendra
Subject: FW: DARPA draft

Dear All:

Bill Mc would like to meet with you all on Monday, September 7th. He is available from 9:00 am until 1:00 am. Please let me know if you are available to meet on Monday.

Thanks
Jackie

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Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 8:14 AM
To: Slovacek, Jackie
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Can you set a meeting for Monday for this group to get together?

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Bill,

Bill Mc may be including Mike for administrative reasons vs. technical because the wide-hybridization project will use Weslaco facilities?

We all understand that there will be political pressure to 'spread the money around', but this type of project diffusion will lead to an increased risk of failure. If we are successful in the first 2 years, then the project will grow and we can add lots of additional people in year 3+.

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Okay, during the week of September 21, preferably on Sept. 24.

Bill

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Bill,

Would you be willing to allow students in SCSC 642 to complete a survey during the week of 21 September dealing with student perspectives on international agriculture? The request comes from Glenn Shinn and involves TAMU and 3 other universities. He says that the survey will take 15 minutes which means that it will take about 30 total minutes.

Wayne

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it is a traditional red grain sorghum hybrid. In these hybrids the colors often fade toward harvest maturity.

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bridges, Brenda [mailto:bridges@tamu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 10:32 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: RE: M.D. Anderson sorghum onepager



[Brenda](#)

From: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 8:21 AM
To: Bridges, Brenda
Cc: Avant, Bob; Turner, Nancy; 'Lloyd Rooney'
Subject: RE: M.D. Anderson sorghum onepager

[Brenda:](#)

[Here are some photos of various colored sorghums.](#)



[You can use what you need for the document, but I would definitely recommend replacing the grain photos that you have on the sheet at this time.](#)

[I have some closeup of grain \(different colors\) but I can't access them until I get back to the office tomorrow.](#)

[regards,](#)

[bill](#)
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-----Original Message-----

From: Bridges, Brenda [mailto:bridges@tamu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 5:19 PM
To: Nancy Turner; Lloyd Rooney; Bill Rooney
Cc: McCutchen, Bill; Helms, Adam; shay-simpson@tamu.edu; bavant@tamu.edu
Subject: M.D. Anderson sorghum onepager

Attached is the latest rendition of the sorghum onepager for M.D. Anderson meeting. Bill Rooney, if you have better sorghum photos or other photos you'd like to use, please email them to me.

Thanks.

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Go green! Please consider the environment before printing this.

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Stelly David](#)"
Cc: "[Avant Bob](#)"; "[Mullet John](#)"; "[McCutchen Bill](#)"
Subject: RE: DARPA draft
Date: Thursday, September 03, 2009 10:51:00 AM

David;

I'll work on Goal 3 this afternoon and get it back to the group by tomorrow morning.

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Stelly_David [<mailto:stelly@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 10:48 AM
To: Stelly_David
Cc: Bill Rooney; 'Avant Bob'; 'Mullet John'; 'McCutchen Bill'
Subject: Re: DARPA draft

Done with this round for Objective-3: see attached, please.

Bill and I concurred to expunge the backcrossing for trait introgression ... better save this for another proposal though we certainly need to do this work ... not ostensibly under this project funding.

David

On Sep 3, 2009, at 8:11 AM, Stelly_David wrote:

> OK ... will try to finish by 10:30.

>

> DAvid

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> On Sep 2, 2009, at 6:36 PM, Bill Rooney wrote:

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>> David:

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>> I'm going to wait for your full revision rather than get partials

>> started

>> back and forth.

>>

>> Bill

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Stelly_David [<mailto:stelly@tamu.edu>]

>> Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 5:51 PM

>> To: Avant Bob; Mullet John; Rooney Bill; McCutchen Bill

>> Cc: Stelly_David David M.

>> Subject: Re: DARPA draft

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>> I have obligations for a few hours, so I will send out now what I

>> have

>> completed (thru Research Plan Objective-1) and resume work later.

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>> I simply focused on the Version that Bill Rooney shared for the WH

>> work.

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>> David

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>> On Sep 2, 2009, at 3:18 PM, Avant, Bob wrote:

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>>> Under the Project Deliverables section, I think we should include

>>> logistics and economics bullets. I won't have time until Thur

>>> evening

>>> on way back from Albuquerque to edit more. Have to prepare for that

>>> meeting by 9 am in morning.

>>>

>>> Bob Avant

>>> Program Director

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>>> -----Original Message-----

>>> From: John Mullet [<mailto:jmullet@tamu.edu>]

>>> Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 8:06 AM

>>> To: Avant, Bob; Bill Rooney; Stelly_David Stelly

>>> Cc: McCutchen, Bill

>>> Subject: DARPA draft

>>>

>>> All,

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>>> I revised the front part of our proposal and provided space for the

>>> GOAL implementation plans/budgets we are developing.

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>>> Thanks,

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>>> John

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Stelly_David"](#)
Subject: RE: new data from wh data
Date: Thursday, September 03, 2009 12:03:00 PM

Dave:

I'm listening in, and I agree, but not at this meeting. too many people and i think that we need to confirm

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From: Stelly_David [mailto:stelly@tamu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 11:38 AM
To: Rooney Bill
Cc: Stelly_David David M.
Subject: new data from wh data

I am still sitting in our meeting here and don't want to forget to lodge this suggestion:

Based on our discussion today, we probably should move now on provisional filing patent results from the newest WH results (I do not want to state what in email), but in doing so, we could secure our advance (even if merely putative not proven) in time with a provisional filing, we would have a year to prove it.

DAvid

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Stelly David](#)"
Subject: RE: another IP point
Date: Thursday, September 03, 2009 12:25:00 PM

I'm not on the line anymore, but I'll try to join around 1:00 pm again.

AS for id of lines that perform well, I think that is a definite yes.

WE did a little of that for energycane in this summer's document.

It will be an issue in corn (Matt's already shown that).

I'm guessing it might be appropriate to remind both Brian and Rob of this issue and that when have more data we will want to act on it.

bill

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From: Stelly_David [<mailto:stelly@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 12:13 PM
To: Rooney Bill
Cc: Stelly_David David M.
Subject: another IP point

Bill -- another point for serious thought:

I think that we should at least consider and maybe discuss with the Legal guys how to handle possible IP claims for specific genotypes that happen to cross well with sorghum. It is quite possible that we are essentially discovering genetic variation within alien species for their crossability, perhaps specifically to sorghum, perhaps more generally. In either case, that variation is potentially much more significant, especially if we can use it through breeding and/or MAS to create and/or identify similarly capable genotypes that "open the door" to hybridization and maybe gene transfer. So, the question is when, how to follow up such claims; e.g., do we need to id the inheritance, or can we speculate and then try to generate proof timing?

David

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Suchismita Mondal"](#)
Subject: RE: PhD Proposal
Date: Thursday, September 03, 2009 12:26:00 PM

Sue:

That sounds more realistic, but that is not what I read in your proposal.

Regards,

Bill

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From: Suchismita Mondal [<mailto:smondal@ag.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 11:36 AM
To: Bill L Rooney
Subject: RE: PhD Proposal

Dear Dr. Rooney

thank you for your edits. I would make the required changes in the materials and methods section.

For the 3rd objective, initial thoughts were for marker enrichment and QTL verification. I think that would be within the time line.

I will discuss it in the meeting.

thank you again for the suggestions

Sue

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'Dreams are not what you see in your sleep, but dreams are that, which do not allow you to sleep'

>>> "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> 09/03/09 10:40 AM >>>
Sue

Since this was a pdf file, I couldn't edit. I added sticky note comments to your document.

For the most part, I think it is fine, with just a few minor comments.

The biggest concern that I have is your last objective. Your objective is to fine map and clong a QTL. Given the crop and resources you have listed, I think that will be difficult if not impossible.

I would reconsider this objective and make it reflective of what you can realistically accomplish with the resources and timeline that you have.

Regards,

Bill

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From: Suchismita Mondal [<mailto:smondal@ag.tamu.edu>]

Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 7:11 AM

To: wlr@tamu.edu

Subject: PhD Proposal

Dear Dr. Rooney

The earlier proposal i sent was missing its fist page... Sorry for that. I am resending it.

regards
Sue

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "Thomas E. Koranek"
Cc: "McCutchen Bill"; "David Baltensperger"
Subject: RE: DuPont AG and Nutrition Discussion
Date: Thursday, September 03, 2009 12:32:00 PM

Tom:

I will be around later in the afternoon (after 3 pm) or in the morning (8-10).

I've copied our admin on this issue as we have had prior discussions on whether or not to access that trait technology and they may be interested in joining the discussion as well (if they are available).

Regards,

Bill

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From: Thomas E Koranek [<mailto:Thomas.E.Koranek@USA.dupont.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 11:42 AM
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: DuPont AG and Nutrition Discussion

Dr. Rooney : Dennis Pietsch referred me to you. I am interested in discussing the possibility of including DuPont's sorghum herbicide resistant traits in your program.

Eric Castner, R&D manager, and myself might be in College Station next Wednesday. Let me know if you are available, or we can schedule another time at your convenience.

Please let me know.

Regards,

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Walter Nelson](#)"
Subject: FW: Biomass Sorghum Questions
Date: Thursday, September 03, 2009 3:30:00 PM

Walter:

Last spring you provided us seed of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and we used the [REDACTED] for the Regional Performance Tests across the country.

WE also had a request from Dr. Frank Hons group (here on Campus) for an energy hybrid to plant in their agronomic trials out on the CS farm. Since we didn't have enough [REDACTED] to provide, we gave them a little of the [REDACTED]. Long story short it was a dryland trial and it doesn't look good.

They are looking for seed for next year and they want assurances that they can get something a little more uniform. They know the seed came from Ceres, and they are making plans for next year. To that end, they want to make sure that the hybrid is clean.....

They are asking for a Ceres contact? Do you want me to forward your name to them. You can see the e-mail string below from Jason (Hon's post doc).

You can either contact Jason directly or let me know what you wish to do.

Regards,

Bill

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From: Delroy Collins [<mailto:delroy@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 3:01 PM
To: Bill; Dustin
Subject: FW: Biomass Sorghum Questions

Bill, who at CERES can Jason talk to about answering his questions?

Dustin, can we harvest Jason's plots in October?

Delroy

-----Original Message-----

From: Jason P Wight [<mailto:JWight@ag.tamu.edu>]
Sent: 2009-09-03 12:00
To: Delroy Collins
Cc: Frank Hons
Subject: Biomass Sorghum Questions

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Please let me know what you think. I can be reached by email or call at (865) 567-5066.

Thanks,

Jason

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Jason P Wight"](#)
Cc: ["Walter Nelson"; "Collins, Stephen D"](#)
Subject: FW: Biomass Sorghum Questions
Date: Thursday, September 03, 2009 4:25:00 PM

Jason:

You should contact Walter Nelson, Sorghum Product Development Manager of Ceres, about getting good seed for next season's testing. He can explain the situation and make arrangements for you to get something better for next year.

He is copied on this e-mail and I've talked to him personally about this.

Regards,

Bill

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Jason

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Bud Wylie"](#)
Cc: ["Collins, Stephen D"](#); ["Walter Nelson"](#)
Subject: anthranose nurseries
Date: Thursday, September 03, 2009 4:29:00 PM

Bud:

Did you get by the test plots in Alabama and Georgia? If so, can you give us an assessment of the status of the nursery? Specifically, stage of maturity and disease development.

Thanks,

bill

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Tami Hons"](#)
Subject: RE: OFFICE OF GIFT PLANNING TOUR AGENDA, FRIDAY, SEPT. 18, 2009
Date: Thursday, September 03, 2009 4:37:00 PM

Tami:

Am I reading this right - nobody gets off the bus?

If that is correct and it rains, the tour will be almost impossible because we have harvested a majority of material and the remainder is not close to the paved or gravel roads.....

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tami Hons [mailto:t-hons@tamu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 3:52 PM
To: Li Zhang; Steve Hague; Judy Young; Kathy Schmitt; Kevin Moore; Bill L Rooney
Subject: OFFICE OF GIFT PLANNING TOUR AGENDA, FRIDAY, SEPT. 18, 2009

Hi Everyone,

Below is an agenda for Friday, September 18, 2009, for our tour with The Foundation, Office of Gift Planning:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

9:30-10:00:

Attendees arrive at the Hagler Center (all people riding the charter bus for the whole tour should be at TAMF at this time)

10:00:

Leave the Hagler Center (10:00);

Travel to the Brazos Bottoms for a tour of the field (10:15);

**TOUR BUS WILL PULL OFF THE ROAD NEXT TO ROONEY'S PLOTS.
GUESTS DO NOT LEAVE THE BUS. BILL WILL HAVE TO BOARD THE BUS
TO SPEAK.**

10:15-11:00:

Field Tour

11:00:
Leave the fields; Travel to MixAlco

11:15-12:00:
Tour of MixAlco

12:00:
Leave MixAlco

12:15:
Arrive at the Heep Building for lunch, Room 440

BEGIN RECORDING SPEAKERS

12:15-12:55:
Quick Hello from OGP; Lunch and conversation

12:55-1:00:
Introduce Dr. Price

1:00:
Dr. Ed Price delivers presentation; Q&A

1:25:
Introduce Dr. Hague and students

1:30:
Dr. Hague and students deliver presentation; Q&A

1:55-2:00:
Closing remarks and thanks

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Welcome To Aggieland

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Scott Senseman"](#)
Subject: RE: Visiting SCSC 101 class
Date: Thursday, September 03, 2009 4:42:00 PM

Scott:

Right now, I'm in town and can do this, but I've got travel that may change and make this impossible. We'll just have to wait and see.....

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Scott Senseman [mailto:ssensema@ag.tamu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 1:43 PM
To: Joe Cothren; Mike Chandler; Bill L Rooney; Lloyd Rooney; Richard H Loeppert; Scott A Finlayson
Cc: Anna J Fox
Subject: Visiting SCSC 101 class

Gentlemen,

Any chance that you would have an opening in your schedule for October 29 at 2:20 pm for in informal discussion regarding research activities? Some of you have done this before. I simply ask some questions (which I give you beforehand) about yourself and your work to introduce you to the students and provide a little background about yourself. If you would check your availability and willingness on that date, please reply back to Anna and myself at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,
Scott
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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Spurlin, Shayna"](#)
Cc: ["Bob Avant"](#)
Subject: RE: Match Requirement on GA Proposal
Date: Thursday, September 03, 2009 8:57:00 PM

Shayna:

I don't have a problem putting that down at this time. If we are funded, I would ask that funds that are not associated with my program should be match by the faculty that is receiving that portion of the funding.

If we don't get funding, then none of this will matter.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Spurlin, Shayna [mailto:sfspurlin@tamu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 7:19 PM
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: Match Requirement on GA Proposal
Importance: High

Hi Dr. Rooney,

Hope your travels are going well! I am trying to put the finishing touches on the GA proposal, and with regard to the matching requirement:

Dr. McCutchen wants us to use bioenergy exceptional item monies to meet the match, so as you recommended, I called and spoke with Carol Rhodes today to make sure that the funds [REDACTED] for your "Integrated Development of Dedicated Bioenergy Sorghums for Crop Production Systems in Texas" bioenergy initiative weren't already being used as matching somewhere else.

Carol says we can use these monies to cover the [REDACTED] match required for your portion of the GA project (that is the total for the life of the project, and these would be spread out over FY10 and FY11). She said to go ahead and use this as a line item to meet our match, and then we can work out hard numbers for DOE if funded and they request them from us.

I just wanted to let you know and confirm this was okay with you.

Thanks and travel safe,
Shayna

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Robert M. Harris"](#)
Subject: RE: Possible trop to Houston
Date: Thursday, September 03, 2009 9:00:00 PM

Bob:

I'll come down for the afternoon. I can be there around 1 pm.

If you have a list of items that you would like to discuss, please let me know.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Robert M. Harris [mailto:rharris@silverpalate.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 5:05 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Re: Possible trop to Houston

I'd be delighted but driving down and back same afternoon may be hard on you now that you're getting advanced in years - (not serious, of course). But I'd be happy to have you bring your wife and stay over at the Marriott Medical Center and go back in the morning but that would be up to you. Monday afternoon would be just perfect.

Bob

On 9/3/09 9:46 AM, "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> wrote:

Bob:

Would an afternoon meeting work for you on Monday?

I've got a meeting that I really need to be at in the morning in College Station, but I could very likely be in Houston a little after 1 pm.

Let me know if that works for you.

regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Robert M. Harris [<mailto:rharris@nj.rr.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 4:27 PM

To: Bill Rooney

Subject: Re: Possible trop to Houston

Meeting or not. Can we meet as our consultant without the MD Anderson group? I will call Bill in the morning. I'm at Dallas Fort Worth Airport headed to Jackson Hole. I expect to be in Houston on the 7th or the AM of the 8th.

Bob

On 9/1/09 8:57 AM, "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> wrote:

Thanks for the note. I'll try to make the meeting, but I know that you and Bill M. have been in discussions yesterday and more this week (possibly), so I'll see how some of that goes before confirming the meeting.

regards,

bill

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From: Robert M. Harris

[<mailto:rharris@nj.rr.com>]

Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2009 8:03 AM

To: Bill Rooney

Subject: FW: Possible trop to Houston

If I can get Dr. Herbst to get a meeting at MDACC set up for September 8 – day after Labor Day – can you make it down to Houston for a preliminary meeting? Perhaps your Dad would care to join us as well. I M GOING TO JACKON HOLE SEPTEMBER 1 and will come back thru Dallas on September 6 and then to Houston on Sunday. That means I would have Monday to await the meeting on the 8th if we can bring it off. I am open to do that.

Bob

----- Forwarded Message
From: "Herbst,Roy S"
<rherbst@mdanderson.org>

Date: Sun, 30 Aug 2009
07:28:01 -0500
To: "Robert M. Harris"
<rharris@nj.rr.com>
Cc: Jim Harris
<jaharris4@yahoo.com>,
"Tran,Bich N"
<btran@mdanderson.org>

Conversation: Possible
trop to Houston
Subject: RE: Possible trop
to Houston

Hi Bob-

I just emailed Mike Fisch and
will call him tomorrow- I
will see if this works for him
(will you be able to get the
A and M guys on this short
notice?- or perhaps this could
serve just as a preliminary
meeting).

I will ask Bich Tran who you
know to please work to help
us coordinate this visit (her
number is 7137944272 or
7137926363)

Tx

Roy

Roy S. Herbst, M.D.,
Ph.D.

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Chief, Section of Thoracic
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Email:
rherbst@mdanderson.org

From: Robert M. Harris
[rharris@nj.rr.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 29,
2009 6:27 PM
To: Herbst,Roy S
Cc: Jim Harris
Subject: Possible trop to
Houston

Thanks for setting
up the telephone
conference
yesterday. I may
be going to visit
my son Jim on
September 1 at
Jackson Hole
and return home
on the 6th of
September thru
Dallas (flights on
the 7th or 8th
sold out from
Jackson). My
thought was to
take AA to DFW
and fly to
Houston on
Sunday the 6th
from Dallas IF we
can set up a
meeting on
Tuesday AM early
on the 8th (after
Labor Day) if
convenient for

your colleagues. I would attempt to have someone from A&M join me if feasible.

I know I'm trying to combine the "un-combinable" but what do you think? Otherwise I will fly home from Jackson on the 6th and set up a meeting later in Houston but time is tight for the state funding program. Need to confirm ticket by tomorrow evening so let me know best bet if you can. Sorry to put you under the gun. Best wishes.

Bob

cell: 201-618-9709
home: 201-568-0382
NY APT (there now) 212-879-5025

----- End of Forwarded Message

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Stelly David"](#)
Subject: goal 3
Date: Thursday, September 03, 2009 9:01:00 PM

David:

I'm still working on the revisions on Goal 3, but my computer screen is giving me problems and I won't be able to finish until tomorrow afternoon when I can get back in the office where I can actually see the computer screen!

regards,

bill

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Lindra G Blum](#)"
Cc: "[Karen L Prihoda](#)"
Subject: RE: Approval
Date: Friday, September 04, 2009 2:04:00 PM

Lindra:

I approve of the charges. The accounts to use should be documented in the PO, or Karen can provide them when she returns on Tuesday.

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lindra G Blum [<mailto:lg-blum@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2009 11:57 AM
To: Karen Prihoda
Subject: Approval

This takes the place of the Stamp on the Invoice.


Vendor: Foss North America

Purchase Order : P960862

Received Date (This is the date you received the Item(s) Need the receive date?

Account to use.

Order . Complete or Partial:

Amount: (s) 

Approved for Payment:

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Ramasamy Perumal](#)"
Subject: RE: Seriba's grain mould paper published
Date: Friday, September 04, 2009 2:14:00 PM

Thanks, Rams,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ramasamy Perumal [<mailto:rperumal@ag.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2009 10:42 AM
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: Seriba's grain mould paper published

Dear Sir

Seriba's grain mould paper has been published on-line in Molecular Plant Pathology. Please see the attached file. Thanks for your help and support. Rams

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Bartek, Matthew Scott"](#)
Cc: ["George L Hodnett"](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting
Date: Friday, September 04, 2009 2:15:00 PM

Matt:

Let's try to meet on Wednesday afternoon >3:00pm, if George is available at that time.

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bartek, Matthew Scott [<mailto:mbartek@neo.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2009 9:32 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Meeting

Dr. Rooney,

I Would like to set up a meeting with you, Dr. Hodnett and myself to discuss the sorcane planting for this fall. I would like to have a better understanding of exactly how much material will be going into the field and the exact location so that I can plan field preparatiion better than I did last year. I was hoping that we can meet on wednesday. I am here all day so any time will work for me. I have class all day tuesday and in the mornings on thursday.

Matt

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Robert M. Harris"](#)
Subject: RE: Possible trop to Houston
Date: Friday, September 04, 2009 4:46:00 PM

Bob:

Are you leaving on Monday? I have to ask because the meeting that was scheduled for 9 am that I needed to attend has been rescheduled for noon. It'll probably take about two hours, and then a two hour drive to Houston, so it would be 4 pm before I could be there.

The other option is to meet early in the morning. I could arrive by 7:00 am and we could visit until about 10:30 am then I will return.

I'm really sorry about this, but I've got to be at this meeting and they keep changing it on me.

Let me know what works best.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Robert M. Harris [mailto:rharris@silverpalate.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 9:49 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Re: Possible trop to Houston

We can have lunch at the Marriott. I assume you will drive. The Marriott has its own garage.

1. I'll show you the Grain Berry program.
2. I'd like to hear about the other growers of high tannin sorghum – you have explored.
3. Possible linkage with A&M.
4. Possible linkage with MDA and A&M and us.
5. Any news about black sorghum.
6. Crop plans for following season.
7. Other opportunities

Bob

PS. My friend at MDA would be happy to meet you if you feel you can.

On 9/3/09 10:00 PM, "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> wrote:

Bob:

I'll come down for the afternoon. I can be there around 1 pm.

If you have a list of items that you would like to discuss, please let me know.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Robert M. Harris [<mailto:rharris@silverpalate.com>]

Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 5:05 PM

To: Bill Rooney

Subject: Re: Possible trop to Houston

I'd be delighted but driving down and back same afternoon may be hard on you now that you're getting advanced in years - (not serious, of course). But I'd be happy to have you bring your wife and stay over at the Marriott Medical Center and go back in the morning but that would be up to you. Monday afternoon would be just perfect.

Bob

On 9/3/09 9:46 AM, "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> wrote:

Bob:

Would an afternoon meeting work for you on Monday?

I've got a meeting that I really need to be at in the morning in College Station, but I could very likely be in Houston a little after 1 pm.

Let me know if that works for you.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Robert M. Harris

[<mailto:rharris@nj.rr.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2009 4:27 PM

To: Bill Rooney

Subject: Re: Possible trop to Houston

Meeting or not. Can we meet as our consultant without the MD Anderson group? I will call Bill in the morning. I'm at Dallas Fort Worth Airport headed to Jackson Hole. I expect to be in Houston on the 7th or the AM of the 8th.

Bob

On 9/1/09 8:57 AM, "Bill Rooney" <wlr@tamu.edu> wrote:

Thanks for the note. I'll try to make the meeting, but I know that you and Bill M. have been in discussions yesterday and more this week (possibly), so I'll see how some of that goes before confirming the meeting.

regards,

bill

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-----Original
Message-----

From: Robert
M. Harris

[
<mailto:rharris@nj.rr.com>]

Sent: Sunday,

August 30,
2009 8:03 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: FW:
Possible trip to
Houston

If I can get
Dr. Herbst to
get a
meeting at
MDACC set
up for
September 8
– day after
Labor Day –
can you make
it down to
Houston for a
preliminary
meeting?
Perhaps your
Dad would
care to join us
as well. I M
GOING TO
JACKON HOLE
SEPTEMBER 1
and will come
back thru
Dallas on
September 6
and then to
Houston on
Sunday. That
means I
would have
Monday to
await the
meeting on
the 8th if we
can bring it
off. I am
open to do
that.

Bob

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Message

From:

"Herbst, Roy
S"
<rherbst@mdanderson.org>

Date:

Sun,
30
Aug
2009
07:28:01
-
0500

To:

"Robert
M.
Harris"
<rharris@nj.rr.com>

Cc:

Jim
Harris
<jaharris4@yahoo.com>,
"Tran,Bich
N"
<btran@mdanderson.org>

Conversation:

Possible
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Houston

Subject:

RE:
Possible
trop
to
Houston

Hi
Bob-

I
just
emailed
Mike
Fisch
and
will
call
him
tomorrow-
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please
work
to
help
us
coordinate
this
visit
(her
number
is
7137944272
or
7137926363)

Tx

Roy

Roy
S.
Herbst,
M.D.,
Ph.D.

Professor
of
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Oncology

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From:
Robert
M.
Harris
[rharris@nj.rr.com]

Sent:
Saturday,
August
29,
2009
6:27
PM

To:
Herbst,Roy
S

Cc:
Jim
Harris

Subject:
Possible
trop
to
Houston

Thanks
for
setting
up
the
telephone
conference
yesterday.

I
may
be
going
to
visit
my
son
Jim
on

September
1
at
Jackson
Hole
and
return
home
on
the
6th
of
September
thru
Dallas
(flights
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7th
or
8th
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Jackson).
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take
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the
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convenient
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colleagues.
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someone
from
A&M
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feasible.

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know
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trying
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"un-
combinable"
but
what
do
you
think?

Otherwise

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will
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home
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on
the
6th
and
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meeting
later
in
Houston
but
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state
funding
program.
Need
to
confirm
ticket
by
tomorrow
evening
so
let
me
know
best
bet
if
you
can.
Sorry
to
put
you
under
the
gun.
Best
wishes.

Bob

cell:
201-
618-
9709

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568-
0382

NY
APT
(there
now)

212-
879-
5025

----- End of
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Message

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Slovacek, Jackie"](#)
Subject: RE: DARPA draft
Date: Friday, September 04, 2009 4:47:00 PM

That is really not good. I'm either going to be late or have to leave early. I'll let you know as soon as I get my schedule adjusted.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Slovacek, Jackie [mailto:j-slovacek@tamu.edu]
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2009 2:28 PM
To: wlr@tamu.edu; stelly@tamu.edu; Mullet, John E.; Searcy Stephen W
Cc: McCutchen, Bill; Avant, Bob; Zak, Kendra
Subject: RE: DARPA draft
Importance: High

Dear All

The DARPA proposal meeting time has changed from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon! Please adjust your calendars to reflect this change. Lunch will be served and the meeting will still be held in suite 113 Jack K Williams Conference Room

**Thanks
Jackie**

Jackie Slovacek
Assistant to the Associate Director
Texas AgriLife Research
113 Jack K Williams Administration Bldg
College Station, Texas 77843-2142

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979.458.4765 Fax

-----Original Message-----

From: Slovacek, Jackie
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 8:29 AM
To: 'wlr@tamu.edu'; 'stelly@tamu.edu'; Mullet, John E.
Cc: McCutchen, Bill; Avant, Bob; Zak, Kendra
Subject: FW: DARPA draft

Dear All:

Bill Mc would like to meet with you all on Monday, September 7th. He is available from 9:00 am until 1:00 am. Please let me know if you are available to meet on Monday.

Thanks
Jackie

Jackie Slovacek
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-----Original Message-----

From: McCutchen, Bill
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 8:14 AM
To: Slovacek, Jackie
Subject: FW: DARPA draft

Can you set a meeting for Monday for this group to get together?

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Bill F. McCutchen, Ph.D.
Associate Director
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Texas A&M University System
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979-845-8488 Tel
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bmccutchen@tamu.edu

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 10:09 PM
To: McCutchen, Bill; stelly@tamu.edu
Cc: Avant, Bob; Mullet, John E.
Subject: RE: DARPA draft

Bill:

Realistically, with schedules and the input of others that we still need, it will be Sunday.

At one point we were also going to meet, hopefully on Monday to work collectively on this.

Was Jackie scheduling something?

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: McCutchen, Bill [mailto:bmccutchen@tamu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 9:40 PM
To: wlr@tamu.edu; stelly@tamu.edu
Cc: Avant, Bob; Mullet, John E.
Subject: Re: DARPA draft

I do greatly appreciate you all working on this with short time lines. We need to get Giroir something by Friday or at latest Sunday - even if a "crude" Draft. Need to include Weslaco, Searcy, Richardson as appropriate as well Ceres (small for year yr 1 and ramp up year 2.5 or 3).

Thanks again for you efforts, and I wouldn't be pushing if I didn't

believe
we had a significant chance of securing these funds.

Bill

----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Rooney <wlr@tamu.edu>
To: 'Stelly_David' <stelly@tamu.edu>
Cc: Avant, Bob; Mullet, John E.; McCutchen, Bill
Sent: Wed Sep 02 18:36:40 2009
Subject: RE: DARPA draft

David:

I'm going to wait for your full revision rather than get partials started back and forth.

Bill

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-----Original Message-----
From: Stelly_David [mailto:stelly@tamu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 5:51 PM
To: Avant Bob; Mullet John; Rooney Bill; McCutchen Bill
Cc: Stelly_David David M.
Subject: Re: DARPA draft

I have obligations for a few hours, so I will send out now what I have completed (thru Research Plan Objective-1) and resume work later.

I simply focused on the Version that Bill Rooney shared for the WH work.

David

On Sep 2, 2009, at 3:18 PM, Avant, Bob wrote:

> Under the Project Deliverables section, I think we should include
> logistics and economics bullets. I won't have time until Thur
evening
> on way back from Albuquerque to edit more. Have to prepare for that
> meeting by 9 am in morning.

>
> Bob Avant
> Program Director
> Texas AgriLife Research
> 979/845-2908
> 512/422-6171 (Cell)
> bavant@tamu.edu
> <http://agbioenergy.tamu.edu>

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: John Mullet [mailto:jmullet@tamu.edu]
> Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2009 8:06 AM
> To: Avant, Bob; Bill Rooney; Stelly_David Stelly
> Cc: McCutchen, Bill
> Subject: DARPA draft

>
> All,
>
> I revised the front part of our proposal and provided space for the
> GOAL implementation plans/budgets we are developing.
>
> Thanks,

>
> John
>

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Brummett, Robert G.](#)"
Subject: RE: Material Request Form (Selahattin Aydn)
Date: Friday, September 04, 2009 5:12:00 PM

Robert:

I do in fact have some seed of [REDACTED]). They can have that population and it will match their request.

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Brummett, Robert G. [<mailto:brummettr@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2009 8:43 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Cc: Brummett, Robert G.
Subject: FW: Material Request Form (Selahattin Aydn)

Bill,

I have some questions about the material I'm working on the MTA for Aydin.

Give me a call when you get back in town.

I just need to clarify how to identify it in the MTA. See his Material Request (attached) and we can discuss

Thanks,
Robert

Robert Brummett,
Licensing Associate
The Texas A&M University System
Office of Technology Commercialization
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(979) 862-3002 direct
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(979) 845-1402 fax
brummettr@tamu.edu
<http://technology.tamu.edu>

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Rooney [<mailto:wlr@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2009 12:47 PM
To: Brummett, Robert G.
Subject: RE: Material Request Form (Selahattin Aydn)

I assume RMDF is for the Aydin materials.

If so, here it is.

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Brummett, Robert G. [<mailto:brummettr@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2009 8:59 AM
To: Bill Rooney
Cc: Brummett, Robert G.
Subject: RE: Material Request Form (Selahattin Aydn)

Thanks Bill,

I've attached the Research Material Disclosure form.

Is this material something we need to look at regarding the Ceres agreement?

I know things are busy, but we need to get the disclosure forms for the other recent agreements we've done - do you want me to get with Karen on that?

Thanks,
Robert

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Rooney [<mailto:wlr@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2009 6:14 AM
To: Brummett, Robert G.
Subject: RE: Material Request Form (Selahattin Aydn)

Robert:

I propose that we send F2 population seed to Selahattin. An F2 population between two lines is the point in a breeding program in which there is maximum genetic variation and little to no genetic uniformity, ie, every plant is genetically different although all plants in the population are related.

Other than the characteristics of the parents, there is little to disclose because there is not descriptors that can be assigned to anything in specific.

Because these are F2 populations, IF he was to develop anything of commercial value, then he would do the vast majority of the work (all I did was make a cross and grow it for one generation). We would be entitled to 5-10% of the value (maximum), IF something was to develop. As I understand it their interest is research - you would have to ask if they are interested in commercial development. I would consider it research material.....

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Brummett, Robert G. [<mailto:brummettr@tamu.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2009 9:45 PM
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Cc: Hurley, Janie C.
Subject: FW: Material Request Form (Selahattin Aydn)

Bill,

Received the Material Request Form this evening from Selahattin Aydn.

I need a disclosure form on this.

Would you consider this purely research material? If so, a Research Material Disclosure can be completed instead of a Plant Variety/Germplasm Disclosure. Note that if we go with the Research Material Disclosure and at a later date the material is wanted for commercial purposes, a Plant Variety/Germplasm Disclosure form would need to be completed. For purely research purposes with another institution, the Research form is fine, but if you anticipate future commercial interest (even with the Dr. Aydn), we would need a the PV/Germplasm form. You're call on which to go with for this Material Request if this is purely research material.

Thanks,
Robert

Robert Brummett
Licensing Associate
The Texas A&M University System
Office of Technology Commercialization
1700 Research Parkway, Suite 250
MS 3369
College Station, TX 77845
ph. 979.847.8682
direct 979.862.3002
cell 979.204.0766
brummettr@tamu.edu
<http://technology.tamu.edu>

-----Original Message-----

From: Selahattin Aydin [<mailto:saydin571@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wed 8/12/2009 5:59 PM
To: Brummett, Robert G.
Subject: Material Request Form

Dear Mr. Brummett,

I am so sorry for interrupting you, but I am sending this message to request a material that we need in our mapping project.

The form is attached for requesting the material. At the form I put Yuksel Bolek as contact person. He is the supervisor of the project.

If you have any question, please feel free to contact with me, best regards...

Selahattin Aydin, Ph.D

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Mason, Richard Esten](#)"
Subject: RE: Interview
Date: Friday, September 04, 2009 5:25:00 PM

Esten

My only advice is to be yourself and present to them clearly what your expertise is and what your research interests are for the future. If they really want an field breeder, it would do you no good to adjust your interests or for them to adjust their needs.

Bottom line: make it abundantly clear what you have done and what you would do in this position. Let them make the decision on fit.

Regards,

Bill

Dr. William L. Rooney
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-----Original Message-----

From: Mason, Richard Esten [<mailto:richard-esten-mason@neo.tamu.edu>]
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2009 4:04 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Interview

Bill,

I've got a job interview at the University of Arkansas for a wheat breeding/genetics Assistant Professor position. Somehow I convinced them that I know how to be breeder, enough to get an interview anyhow and I think they like my teaching background as well.

Any advice on how to prepare? I've got about 10 days.

Hope all is well. I'll probably be having a committee meeting some time soon as I am finalizing up figures for my dissertation.

Cheers,

Esten

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Esten Mason
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Molecular and Environmental Plant Sciences
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Texas A&M University
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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Carol Rhodes"](#)
Subject: RE: reminder for progress report on Corn
Date: Friday, September 04, 2009 5:30:00 PM

Carol:

Rebecca Corn is progressing well in her Ph.D. studies. She was admitted to candidacy in the January 2009 and she has submitted a first draft of her dissertation to me last week. I fully expect that she will complete her degree by the end of this semester.

Consequently, I would request that funding for Rebecca be provided through December of 2009. At that point she will have completed her studies and no further funding will be required.

regards,

bill

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From: Carol Rhodes [mailto:cj-rhodes@tamu.edu]
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2009 3:37 PM
To: Bill L Rooney
Subject: reminder for progress report on Corn

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: "[Carlos Ludlow](#)"
Subject: RE: VISIT
Date: Friday, September 04, 2009 5:38:00 PM

Carlos:

The meeting is confirmed. With your approval, I will make the following reservations on Continental Airlines. Right now, the cost of the ticket is \$583.27

On this schedule, I will be available for discussions Thursday evening and all day on Friday.

I will make the reservations upon your agreement.

regards,

bill

Flight Details:				
Depart: 2:40 p.m. Thu., Sep. 24, 2009 Houston, TX (IAH - Intercontinental)	Arrive: 4:43 p.m. Thu., Sep. 24, 2009 Leon/Guanajuato, Mexico (BJX)	Travel Time: 2 hr 3 mn	OnePass Miles/ Elite Qualification*: 756 /100%	Flight: CO2232 Aircraft: Embraer RJ145 Fare Class: Economy (W)
Continental flight 2232 operated by ExpressJet Airlines, Inc. dba Continental Express.				
Depart: 7:00 a.m. Sat., Sep. 26, 2009 Leon/Guanajuato, Mexico (BJX)	Arrive: 9:00 a.m. Sat., Sep. 26, 2009 Houston, TX (IAH - Intercontinental)	Travel Time: 2 hr 0 mn	OnePass Miles/ Elite Qualification*: 756 /100%	Flight: CO2011 Aircraft: Embraer RJ145 Fare Class: Economy (W) Meal: Snack No Special Meal Offered.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carlos Ludlow [mailto:cludlow@bioe.com.mx]

Sent: Friday, September 04, 2009 3:18 PM

To: 'Dr. William L. Rooney'

Cc: 'Jesús Campos Orozco'; 'Roberto Macias Rodríguez'; 'Alvaro Pérez Perez'; Sergio Serna Saldivar; 'Ricardo De la Torre Hernández'; 'Margarito Reynaga Vielma'; 'Humberto Ascencio'

Subject: RE: VISIT

Dear Bill,

Can we confirm your visit to make all the arrangements?

Please advise about flights

Saludos

=====

Carlos Ludlow

Coordinador General

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De: Carlos Ludlow S [mailto:cludlow@bioe.com.mx]
Enviado el: miércoles, 02 de septiembre de 2009 07:27 p.m.
Para: Dr. William L. Rooney
CC: Jesús Campos Orozco; Roberto Macias Rodriguez; Alvaro Pérez Perez
Asunto: Re: VISIT

Dear Bill,

Confirmed for those dates.

Please advise your preferred flights. We can buy directly, or reimburse, as you prefer.

I'll send you a program. I'll like to have an extensive presentation from your findings and experience.

Saludos

Carlos Ludlow

Enviado desde mi oficina móvil BlackBerry® de Telcel

From: "Bill Rooney"
Date: Wed, 2 Sep 2009 18:53:52 -0500
To: 'Carlos Ludlow' <cludlow@bioe.com.mx>
Subject: RE: VISIT
Carlos:

Do you have an update on the feasibility of Sept 24-26?

It will work for me, if I can leave early on Saturday, Sept 26.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carlos Ludlow [mailto:cludlow@bioe.com.mx]
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2009 10:33 AM
To: 'Bill Rooney'
Cc: 'Jesus Campos'; Sergio Serna Saldivar
Subject: RE: VISIT

Bill,

So, please consider traveling Thursday 24 and returning sat 26 september.

If you like we can arrange for some tourist visits in Guanajuato city for Saturday morning.

Please advise your desired flights.

I am asking all people involved from our side, including Dr. Serna, to confirm their availability. I'll confirm you next Tuesday at the most late.

Saludos and thanks.

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De: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Enviado el: viernes, 28 de agosto de 2009 06:55 a.m.
Para: 'Carlos Ludlow'
Asunto: RE: VISIR

Carlos:

The timeline Thurs pm to Sat am is good, but I can not travel Sept 17-19 due to meetings in College Station

The earliest dates for both schedules is the week of Sept 21.

If I leave Thurs pm and return Sat am, then that would be 1.5 consulting days. The fee would be \$2100 + travel expenses.

Regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carlos Ludlow [mailto:cludlow@bioe.com.mx]
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2009 5:56 PM
To: 'Bill Rooney'
Subject: RE: VISIR

Bill,

If you can flight Thursday noon and arrive to Leon by late afternoon, we can work all Friday and you can flight back Saturday.

Would that be possible? Week of Sept 14 will be better or sept 21. The sooner the best you can see the plantations.

Would that be one day or two days consulting fee?

Please advise

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Carlos Ludlow

Coordinador General

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De: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Enviado el: jueves, 27 de agosto de 2009 05:36 p.m.
Para: 'Carlos Ludlow'
Asunto: RE: VISIR

Carlos:

Thanks for your note.

My experience is primarily focused on sweet sorghum production, biology, genetics, and physiology. Based on my interaction with industry, I know a fair amount regarding harvest and harvest logistics.

My schedule is not so easy; I have to teach on Tuesday and Thursday, and since classes don't start until next week, I'm not sure which day is best for me to miss.

The first available time is the week of September 21, although I will not be able to pick the specific dates until classes begin next Tuesday.

I can fly to either Leon or Mexico City - Continental flies direct to both on a daily basis, so I will travel to the location most beneficial to you.

I consider this a consulting trip; my fee is \$1400/day (USD) plus travel expenses. I wanted you to be aware before we start

- if there are any questions, please let me know.

I'm available for a call tomorrow afternoon. Next week, I can join a conference call in the evening hours (after 6pm CDT) anyday except Friday.

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Carlos Ludlow [mailto:cludlow@bioe.com.mx]
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2009 4:26 PM
To: 'Bill Rooney'
Cc: 'Dr. Sergio Román Othón Saldívar'; 'Jesús Campos'; 'MACIAS RODRIGUEZ Roberto Enrique'
Subject: VISIR

Dear Bill,

Thanks for your prompt response.

Our group is in the process of setting up the complete (My God!) value chain having its center in the bioethanol, that Mexico is heading to use by end of 2010. You very imagine the magnitude of the project, starting with plantations (and seeds and fertilizers, etc) and extending to biomass bagasse, hot water, etc. utilization, We will talk a lot on this issue

Our best option is the sweet sorghum, which we have bring studying for two years. After a whole day session, with Sergio Serna we see this option more and more as the way to go.

This same week we are harvesting the first samples of the 20 varieties under study, so a visit from you as early as possible will be very important.

When and how would to suggest we establish this relation? On dates, we are open, excluding Sept 9 to Sept 16.

You can flight either to Mexico City, where we can meet with other investors, or to Querétaro Airport or Bajío Airport (City of Leon in Guanajuato State.)

Please acknowledge and give a proper time for a conference call and for a two day visit.

Muchos saludos

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De: Dr. Sergio Román Othón Saldívar [mailto:sserna@itesm.mx]
Enviado el: miércoles, 26 de agosto de 2009 03:55 p.m.
Para: cludlow@bioe.com.mx
CC: 'Bill Rooney'
Asunto: FW:

Dear Bill: I am forwarding your email to Ing. Carlos Ludlow (cludlow@bioe.com.mx) who is the leader of the sweet sorghum ethanol project. Thanks for your prompt response and willing to accept their invitation to visit Queretaro. Sergio

From: Bill Rooney [mailto:wlr@tamu.edu]
Sent: Miércoles, 26 de Agosto de 2009 01:30 p.m.

To: 'Dr. Sergio Román Othón Saldivar'
Subject: RE:

Sergio

Thanks for the note - Megan and the boys are fine. Will is starting at TAMU as a freshman, co majoring in Ag Engineering and Poultry Science. Time moves on.

Yes I would be interested in seeing what they are doing. If you can put me in contact with them, that would be great.

My best to you and your family.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Dr. Sergio Román Othón Saldivar [mailto:sserna@itesm.mx]
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2009 11:16 AM
To: 'Bill Rooney'
Subject:

Dear Bill: hope you, Megan and the family are doing OK. I am contacting you because the JADE Bioethanol group wants to invite you to Queretaro to talk about weat sorghum and biomass sorghum. FYI they are running the second cycle of 16 entries of sweet sorghums from ICRISAT. They are willing to pay your expenses and the consulting fee. Are you interested? Please let me know. Sergio

From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Bob Avant"](#)
Cc: ["McCutchen Bill"](#); ["David Baltensperger"](#)
Subject: FW: DuPont AG and Nutrition Discussion
Date: Friday, September 04, 2009 5:57:00 PM

Bob:

I'm scheduled to meet with Tom Koranak Area Sales Manager DuPont Crop Protection and Eric Castner, R&D manager DuPont Crop Protection from 8-10 am on Wednesday September 9.

Based on the e-mail string (see below), they are asking me to explore the options to integrate their herbicide resistance technology into our breeding program. In the past we did have some discussion regarding access to the germplasm via KSU.

All are welcome, but at a minimum I'd like to have a representative from Corporate to be present. Let me know who is available and we can set a meeting.

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Thomas E Koranek [<mailto:Thomas.E.Koranek@USA.dupont.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 1:09 PM
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Cc: Eric P Castner
Subject: RE: DuPont AG and Nutrition Discussion

Bill : The 8 to 10 A.M. would work best for us. Please invite anyone with an interest in this preliminary discussion.

I'm giving up my time at A&M, but other than the Soil and Crop Sciences Building and Foundation Seed facility... you will need to give me guidance on where you want to meet.

Regards,

Tom

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09/03/2009 12:32
PM

To
Thomas E Koranek/AE/DuPont@DuPont
cc

""McCutchen Bill""

<bmccutchen@tamu.edu>, "David
Baltensperger"
<DBaltensperger@ag.tamu.edu>
Subject
RE: DuPont AG and Nutrition
Discussion

Tom:

I will be around later in the afternoon (after 3 pm) or in the morning (8-10).

I've copied our admin on this issue as we have had prior discussions on whether or not to access that trait technology and they may be interested in joining the discussion as well (if they are available).

Regards,

Bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Thomas E Koranek [<mailto:Thomas.E.Koranek@USA.dupont.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 11:42 AM
To: wlr@tamu.edu
Subject: DuPont AG and Nutrition Discussion

Dr. Rooney : Dennis Pietsch referred me to you. I am interested in discussing the possibility of including DuPont's sorghum herbicide resistant traits in your program.

Eric Castner, R&D manager, and myself might be in College Station next Wednesday. Let me know if you are available, or we can schedule another time at your convenience.

Please let me know.

Regards,

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From: [Bill Rooney](#)
To: ["Jeff Dahlberg"](#)
Cc: ["Nilesh Dighe"](#)
Subject: RE: Slide presentation
Date: Friday, September 04, 2009 5:58:00 PM

Jeff:

I'll get a summary of this together in the next week.

regards,

bill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Dahlberg [mailto:jeff@sorghumcheckoff.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2009 2:59 PM
To: Bill Rooney
Subject: Slide presentation

Bill:

The USDA is asking for any type of progress report from some of the funded projects. I was wondering if you might have a slide presentation (can be sent as a pdf as well) that we could share with them on the work being done to compare the compositional data with data from animal trials. Does not have to be very elaborate.

Thanks,

Jeff

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