Agenda Item 1: Minutes of the May 13, 2021 meeting were approved.

Agenda Item 2: Announcements and Updates

1) Amy requested that faculty complete Pride Points for annual newsletter
2) Reminder about Ag Week events
   i. Ag Week Picnic: September 7; 11:30am-1:00pm Monfort Quad
   ii. Ag on the Plaza: September 8; 10:00am-2:00pm LSC Plaza: theme is Ag Innovation
   iii. Fall Gather: September 10; 5:00pm-8:00pm Temple Grandin Equine Center
   iv. Nutrien Ag Day BBQ and CSU football game: September 11; BBQ opens at 4pm (food service starts at 5pm) IM Fields 12 & 13; kickoff is 8:00pm against Vanderbilt
   v. Temple Grandin Equine Center Open House: September 12; 1:30-3:30pm
3) DEI Committee – they are sponsoring Unconscious Bias training October 1; 11am-1pm
4) Andrew noted that dirty glassware is appearing in Courtney’s lab and some things are missing.

Agenda Item 3: Request to approve Dr. Vipan Kumar as faculty affiliate: faculty unanimously approved Franck Dayan’s request

Agenda Item 4: Proposal for Ag Data Analytics minor
Todd Gaines presented this proposal, which would address two major needs identified by employers. This program would be housed in our department and we would get a new tenure track faculty line.

Agenda Item 5: Discussion of graduate curriculum gaps identified at retreat
Todd Gaines summarized the discussion from the August 16 retreat. Some key points were creating better balance between spring and fall classes, creating course maps that could be placed on the website, and creating classes in 8-week modules.
Agenda Item 6:  Campus Strategic Plan
Amy Charkowski would like to schedule brainstorming sessions to come up with proposals to submit to the university. These are due October 1.

Agenda Item 7:  Items from the Floor
Paul Ode, chair of the Graduate Program Committee gave a reminder that potential students submit applications by December 1 in order to be considered for assistantships.

Meeting adjourned 2:00pm