College of Agricultural Sciences

1. Progress towards March 15 report/plan: As I noted this morning, the faculty panel, led by Dean Emeritus C. J. “Bud” Weiser, submitted its oral report two weeks ago. We are expecting a written report by tomorrow. The branch station superintendents submitted their written report on transforming our statewide research and Extension efforts. The college administrative team will use these recommendations and the AAS guidelines to develop a structure for our college. Our intention is to then vet the same with internal and external stakeholders through the month of February, following which the planned structure will be tweaked, and a final plan submitted to the Provost on March 15.

2. The March 15 plan will include a structural model for the college, along with a narrative on the rationale and justification for the same. As of this writing I do not have a sense of what the realignments will look like, but I hope that we will have a clearly delineated structure for the college, and how it also seeks synergies in the broader divisional alignments.