

Statement to the Faculty Senate on the Proposed Closure of Community and Rural Sociology

Thank you all for being here today. We recognize that these are stressful times for the entire WSU community.

One reason given to support the closure of CRS was that the total amount in grants generated last year was \$23,000. *This is an erroneous statement.* In truth, CRS faculty obtained \$795,000 in extramural funds in 2006, \$607,000 in 2007, and \$780,000 in 2008. These totals are approximately equivalent to what is spent on faculty salaries. The reason for this discrepancy is that WSU accounting procedures do not credit CRS faculty who engage in interdisciplinary projects with colleagues and centers throughout WSU. This problem has been noted repeatedly in the past and was emphasized in the Department's Academic Program Review that was chaired by Dr. Nicholas Lovrich.

Several examples illustrate this problem. Dr. Jessica Goldberger is a key member of an interdisciplinary team of WSU scientists that was awarded a \$2.2 million USDA Specialty Crops Research Initiative Grant in 2008. Her participation on that team is vital, and her "share," if you will, of that grant is \$140,000. Grants that support the internationally acclaimed research of *Regents Professor* Don Dillman, including NSF grants, are managed by the SESRC that serves as Dr. Dillman's laboratory. And, earlier this year, a team anchored by three CRS Faculty was awarded a \$500,000 USDA-NRI grant that is managed by the CSANR. CRS receives no institutional "credit" in these cases. Consequently, the tremendous potential of CRS to contribute to future projects that affectively address sustainable development issues in Washington State is inadequately assessed.

Similarly, the role that CRS faculty play in graduate and undergraduate education is underestimated. During the 2008-09 academic year CRS faculty taught over 100 undergraduates and 57 graduate students in 6 courses. Over the past two and a half years, CRS faculty have served on graduate committees in Anthropology, Environmental Sciences, Sociology, Education, Natural Resource Sciences, Crop and Soil Sciences, Horticulture, and the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program. CRS faculty provide financial support for, co-author journal articles with, and otherwise mentor graduate students who seek out CRS faculty because of their extensive expertise in areas not found elsewhere at WSU.

The Department's core mission of developing integrated research and outreach programs includes work to support the competitiveness of Washington farmers, to address environmental conflicts, and to provide timely and accurate analyses of census and other secondary data to local policy makers and development specialists. The Department's most recent initiative, which was first conceptualized more than ten years ago, is the program in Latino Community Development. The unit's closure and the termination of Dr. Garcia-Pabon will impede WSU's ability to execute academically based programs designed to improve the well-being of the most rapidly expanding demographic segment of Washington's population, and will damage WSU efforts to connect with and recruit young Latinos.

It has been stated that the Department's annual budget is \$1 million. A more precise figure is \$800,000. I have computed that the net savings to WSU on *faculty salaries* for the entire the 2009-2011 biennium by closing CRS will be \$376,000. CRS faculty have developed a series of options that it believes could help achieve a similar level of savings while reducing the University's PBL commitment for the future.

Even before the current financial crisis, we recognized that our ability to contribute to the future excellence of WSU would be enhanced by increasing the integration of CRS programs with those of complimentary academic units. To that end, a visioning committee comprised of representatives of CRS, the Department of Natural Resource Sciences and the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences submitted a proposal to create a new *School of Earth, Environment and Society*. Kent --

CRS mentored graduate students

Emmett Fiske

- 2009: Kara Whitman doctoral committee member (passed her prelims in March, 2009)
- 2009: Andy Caven committee member (completed his masters degree in sociology in April, 2009)
- 2008: Audrey Willard committee chair (completed her masters degree in environmental science in Dec, 2008)
- 2008: Jordan Rogers committee member (completed masters degree in anthropology in April, 2008)
- 2007: Heidi Sowell committee member (completed her masters degree in environmental science in April, 2008)
- 2007: Kara Whitman committee member (completed her masters degree in environmental science in April, 2008)
- 2007: Aki Kato committee member (completed her masters degree in environmental science in April, 2008)

Don Dillman

Benn Messer MA (supervised his thesis which just finished).
Morgan Millar PH.D. candidate, hired on summer RA
Bryan Rookey, PH.D. candidate, half-time RA ,summer support
Allison O'Neill, MA candidate, summer and occasional support at other times.
Jessica Crowe, her dissertation was finished in summer 2008.

I have four students who will receive summer support from me this year.

Benn Messer
Morgan Millar
Bryan Rookey
Shawn Genter

Jessica Goldberger

Graduate students I've worked with during past three years:

Jeremy Sage, Ph.D., Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program (Committee Member)
Alison Wesockes, M.S., Environmental Sciences (Chair)
Courtney Bennett, M.S., Environmental Sciences (Chair) [also Research Assistant]
Amy Snively-Martinez, M.S., Horticulture & Ph.D., Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program (Committee Member)
Tammy Parker, M.S., Landscape Architecture (Committee Member)
Caitlin Price, M.S., Soil Science (Committee Member) [also co-author of peer-reviewed paper]
Kristen Koenig, Ed.M., Education (Committee Member)

Also:

Andrew Caven, M.S., Sociology (student hourly)
Jessica Crowe, Ph.D., Sociology (research assistant)
Julie Dawson, Ph.D., Crop Science (research collaborator / co-author of peer-reviewed paper)
Krisy Ott-Borelli, M.S., Soil Science (research collaborator)

Raymond Jussaume

Taj Alexander Mahon-Haft Master's Thesis Defense
Chair, Katie Everman-Druffel's Ph.D. Committee
Julie Rice's Dissertation Meeting
Daniell "Donna" Lorincz, MA Thesis Chair
Barry Green's PH.D. Committee
Jane Payumo's Ph. D. Committee
Chair, Justin Smith's Ph.D. Committee
Loveday Gbara's Ph.D. Committee

Current CRS Grants

Name	Grant	Agency	Start	End	Amount
Don Dillman	ARMS Program Improvement Project, Co-PI	National Science Foundation	08/01/04	07/31/09	\$230,000
Don Dillman	Connecting Visual Design Concepts to Usability and Web Data Collection Instruments. PI	National Science Foundation	07/15/05	07/14/10	\$795,000
Emmett Fiske	Assessing Community Understanding of Fire & Smoke Management. PI	National Park Service	6/15/07	05/31/10	\$39,820
Jessica Goldberger Marcy Ostrom	Needs Assessment for Wash. Conventional & Organic Produce Growers: Food Safety Awareness and Use of Management Practices Promoting Safety of Wash Produce (Co-PIs)	WSU Emerging Issues grant	2008	2009	\$65,000
Jessica Goldberger March Ostrom	Training & Connecting Agricultural Professionals through an Immersion Field Course & Cultivating Success Instructor Training (Co-PIs)	USDA Western SARE	8/1/08	7/31/10	\$13,738
Jessica Goldberger Marcy Ostrom	Designing Production Strategies for Stewardship & Profits on Fresh Market Organic Farms. (Co-PIs)	USDA Integrated Organic Program	8/1/09	7/31/12	\$644,232
Jessica Goldberger	Enhancing Biological Control to Stabilize Western Orchard IPM Systems. (Co-PI) Money allotted separately to Dr. Goldberger – over \$190,000	USDA Specialty Crop Research Initiative grant	9/1/08	08/31/13	\$2,244,274
Jessica Goldberger	Production and Marketing Risk Management for Transitioning & Recently Certified Organic Growers in Idaho. (Co-PI)	Western Center for Risk Management Education	2009	2010	\$42,436
Marcy Ostrom (PI) Jessica Goldberger Jose Garcia-Pabon (both Co-PIs)	Engines of the New Farm Economy: Assessing & Enhancing the Benefits of Farmers Markets.	USDA National Research Initiative (NRI) grant	01/01/09	12/31/11	\$499,940
Annabel Kirschner	Community Change in SE Alaska, Prince William Sound & Kenai Peninsula. PI	US Forest Service	07/27/07	06/30/09	\$12,500
Annabel Kirschner	Socioeconomic Transitions and Community Wellbeing in the Pacific Northwest. PI	US Forest Service	12/16/08	12/31/10	\$7,500
Marcy Ostrom	Cultivating Success Agricultural Entrepreneurship & Business Planning Series. PI	USDA Farm Service Agency	1/09	9/09	\$15,000
Marcy Ostrom	Life Cycle Assessment of Wheat Grown in Washington State, PI	WSU BioAg Grants program	1/1/08	6/30/09	\$30,000
Marcy Ostrom	Hmong Agricultural Outreach Program, Co-PI	King County Conservation Dist.	1/1/09	12/31/09	\$78,000
Marcy Ostrom	Cultivating Success with Washington Immigrant Farmers – Competitive Grants Program. PI	USDA CSREES	9/15/06	09/14/09	\$287,609
Marcy Ostrom	Whole Farm and Business Planning Tools for Integrated Risk Management on Latino, Hmong and Native American Small Farms. PI	USDA Risk Management Agency Research Partnership	3/06	6/09	\$503,394
Marcy Ostrom	Logistical Support for Academic Students Attending the week-long Field Analysis of Sustainable Food Systems immersion course. Co-PI	CSANR Internal BIOAg Grant program	7/08	6/09	\$5,000

Proposed CRS Grants

Name	Grant	Agency	Start	End	Amount
Jose Garcia-Pabon	Interdisciplinary grant proposal for NIH (temporary NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research)	NIH Challenge grants in Health & Science Res.			\$951,591
Jose Garcia-Pabon	Intramural grant proposal to the College of Liberal Arts to collect data for the above grant	WSU, College of Liberal Arts			\$12,000
Jessica Goldberger	Area-wide Management of Potato Pests (AMPP) in the Pacific Northwest (RAMP grant) (Co-PI)	USDA Risk Assessment & Mitigation Prog.	2009	2013	
Jessica Goldberger	Sustainable Dryland Organic Farming Systems in the Pacific Northwest. (Co-PI)	USDA Integrated Organic Program	2009	2013	\$1,094,957
Raymond Jussaume	RosBREED: Enabling Marker Assisted Selection ROSACAE (WSU is a subcontractor). Co-PI	USDA CSREES Res. Initiative	10/1/09	09/30/13	\$7,200,000
Marcy Ostrom	Growing Enterprises for Washington's Immigrant Farmers, Principal Investigator	USDA CSREES	9/15/09	9/14/11	\$299,888
Marcy Ostrom	Cultivating new generation and immigrant farmers in Washington State, Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program. Principal Investigator	USDA CSREES	10/09	09/12	\$749,673