

TTU Climate Center meeting notes

October 21, 2024

Pre-meeting agenda

- Research (2:00-2:30)
 - Updates on researcher projects (all)
 - Student/postdoc support (research/travel) and publication funding (lead: Nick)
 - TTU research promotion (lead: Nick, McKenzie, and Delaney)
 - Roundtable idea discussion
- Outreach (2:30-3:00)
 - Upcoming events (lead: McKenzie and Favour)
 - Student organization collaborations (lead: Favour)
 - Roundtable idea discussion
- Close

Research

Updates on researcher projects

- climate center research day still planned for Spring 2025

Student/postdoc support (research/travel) and publication funding

- contact Nick about opportunities (nick.smith@ttu.edu)

TTU research promotion

- Do you hav a project/paper/grant to promote? Contact us! Mckenzie.griffin@ttu.edu, demooney@ttu.edu

Warren Thetford

- working with farmers and ranchers
- needs help communicating climate-related information to them
- looking for help/pointers for getting realistic numbers for future climate dynamics in TX panhandle
- also wants information on consequences
- contact Warren: balboamaps@gmail.com

Roundtable idea discussion

- Jennifer Smith: working with MSU, WTAMU, just awarded grant on strawberries
 - already sent ideas to McKenzie and Delaney
- Climate Center wants pictures!
- Matt Olson
 - invasive tamarix
 - model of invasive species growth, possibly incorporating genetics
 - working with land managers
- Scott Collins
 - recently submitted SCCASC proposal
 - habitat connectivity in river networks
 - monsoon rains as potential lifelines
 - forest service, NM game and fish, pueblos
 - species of cultural importance

Outreach

Upcoming events

- TTU-CU Boulder cleanup/recycling event for our football game
 - TTUAB can help and provide volunteer hours
- no science by the glass this month
 - pick back up in November
- no science by the glass in December

Student organization collaborations

- visitors from TTUAB
 - Nuria, chair of cardboard recycling
 - Reagan, TTUAB secretary
- cardboard recycling initiative
 - biology and ESB buildings
 - 50 active grad students

Roundtable idea discussion

- TTUAB may allow us to borrow bins for gameday recycling
- TTUAB members looking for volunteer hours (could help us!)
- Society of Environmental Professionals also interested in collaborating
- Favour waiting on Athletics for permission to gameday recycling
- time for science by the glass

- what day of the week do people like?
- mostly in favor of Fridays