

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY
Agricultural Science Center at Tucumcari
Advisory Committee
BYLAWS

MISSION STATEMENT

The Agricultural Science Center at Tucumcari (ASCT) Advisory Committee exists to advise and assist ASCT faculty and staff and New Mexico State University officials regarding:

1. Research program priorities and faculty selection at ASCT.
2. Potential local research needs to be addressed by ASCT.
3. Evaluation of ASCT programs.
4. Promotion of ASCT at the local and legislative levels.
5. Acquisition of legislative and corporate funding for ASCT activities.

SECTION A. MEMBERSHIP

Article 1. The Advisory Committee shall consist of 15-20 voting members including producers representing the diversity of area agricultural production as well as agricultural lenders and businesspeople. Voting members can represent more than one agricultural stakeholder group.

Article 2. The Advisory Committee shall select voting members.

Article 3. Voting members shall serve a term of 3 years with an effective date of the spring meeting in which they are selected. Voting member terms will be staggered with approximately one-third of the terms expire each year.

Article 4. Voting members can succeed themselves with approval by the committee.

Article 5. Terms will not be renewed for voting members who have not attended at least half of the regular meetings during their most recent term without a valid reason confirmed by the other members.

Article 6. Ex-officio members include the ASCT Superintendent and other NMSU College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences faculty and administration and USDA personnel.

SECTION B. OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Article 1. Officers are a Chairman and Vice Chairman elected by a majority of voting members present at the spring meeting.

Article 2. Duties of the Chairman shall be to preside at all meetings of the Advisory Committee, prepare meeting agendas in cooperation with the ASCT Superintendent, and make appointments to committees.

Article 3. Duties of the Vice Chairman shall be to perform the duties of the Chairman in his/her absence.

Article 4. An ex-officio Secretary will be provided by ASCT to record and prepare minutes for distribution at the next regular meeting.

SECTION C. MEETINGS

Article 1. Two regular meetings of the center Advisory Committee will be held annually; one in spring after the end of the legislative session and one in autumn after harvest time.

Article 2. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee may call special meetings at the request of or in consultation with the ASCT Superintendent.

Article 3. Actual meeting dates will be based on the availability of a majority of voting members responding to an email poll.

Article 4. The ASCT Superintendent will contact each voting member in writing by land mail and email, if available, and attempt to contact each by phone (voice or text) before each meeting.

Article 5. The voting members present at any meeting with at least 50% of the producer members shall constitute a Quorum.

SECTION D. AMENDMENT

Article 1. These Bylaws may be amended by the majority vote of 75% of the voting members.