



## AGRI LIFE ADVANCED LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

### Capstone Assignment

The capstone project is an opportunity for the cohort to put your leadership competencies into practice. Participants are encouraged to incorporate readings and competencies from sessions.

**Deadline:** October 2017

**Final Report & Presentation:** January 2018

**Structure:** The project should be completed together as an entire program cohort. A final written report will be the deliverable.

#### Project Planning and Reporting

As a group, prepare a plan for the capstone completion. At each of the upcoming sessions you are required to provide written and verbal progress reports to the Executive Committee. Edits and adjustments to the plan can be presented to the Executive Committee at future meetings or via email.

**Your initial plan is due in February 2017, following the third session.**

**Capstone Assignment:** *White paper to be presented to the next VC/Dean; Topic: What should s/he be thinking/doing in the first 100 days/first year?*

**Define:** Broadly, what does your group feel is the perspective of Texas A&M AgriLife? Provide supporting documentation and discussion. Engage Advanced Leaders, Cohorts I, II & III, College/Agency leadership, Distinguished Professors, CPI Professors, Department Heads, Council of Resident Directors, etc.

**Delineate:** The views of faculty across the College should be balanced with the views of the agencies.

**Recommend:** What is necessary to meet your defined issues/goals? These broad issues need to be refined into manageable, focused priorities for the incoming VC/Dean. How does s/he move us all forward in excellence?