**Higher Education Challenge Grant Project**

**‘Enhancing Educational Outcomes for Plant Genetic Resources Conservation and Use’**

**Meeting notes December 5, 2023, 10 am MST**

Attending: Pat Byrne, CSU Soil and Crop Sciences

Deana Namuth-Covert, CSU College of Agricultural Sciences

Gayle Volk, USDA-ARS, Fort Collins

1. Pat:

* A meeting of the Advisory Council is scheduled for Jan. 31 to discuss future funding of the project beyond May, 2024.
* An all-day program ‘All About Beans’ will be held at the Spur campus on Dec. 9.

1. Gayle:

* The CSU Online courses are nearly finished for this semester. Gayle, Geoff, and Pat will meet Jan. 30 to discuss how these will be offered in the future.
* There was lots of interest in GRIN-U at the International Treaty meeting in Rome.
* Gayle is part of a collaboration among Colorado community colleges and CU-Boulder to develop a curriculum on plant genetic diversity. Pat will ask Kellie Enns if the high school PBL content is available to use as a starting point.
* The ARS Communication staff prefer Flickr for our photo gallery. Gayle will try to streamline the review and approval process.
* Products close to completion are four introductory chapters for the cryopreservation ebook and a video on pecan grafting.

1. Deana:

* She’s working on a USDA grant proposal to develop more upskilling badge courses, esp. for seed technology.
* Deana, Gayle, and Pat will meet in January with Laura Pottorff (Colorado Seed Programs) to discuss collaboration on badges.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, February 6, 10 am-11:30 am MST