

Board on Agriculture Assembly
1890 Universities Report to Policy Board of Directors

PBD Member: Shirley Hymon-Parker Reporting Period *July, 2015 – Nov., 2015*

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(Please check the BAA-PBD Goals that each activity directly addresses.)

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July 13 – 16, 2015 the 1890s were in Washington, DC to commemorate the 125 th Anniversary of the Signing of the Second Morrill Act. The events were previously described in the July report and all were deemed as very successful, even exceeding expectations. Because of the attention that was provided from Congress attempts have been made by several in Congress to address the state matching requirement of 1:1 for the 1890s because in the majority of the states in which the 1890s reside, the match is insufficient to meet the 1:1 requirement. Congress has requested that NIFA provide them with a report to allow further analysis of this and actions to be taken accordingly.		X	X	X	X
Budget and Advocacy AEA and ARD continue to work with the BAC and their respective B&L committees. Central State University now receives funding as a newly established member of the 1890 University section. No new money is provided with their entry. Grambling University has been named a land-grant university in the state of Louisiana and now Rep. Abraham of Louisiana is pushing to have them named as a land-grant institution at the federal level as well. This new challenge of campuses desiring to become land-grant universities is an issue for discussion and for strategy development that must be tackled by the entire land-grant family as the capacity funding is unlikely to be increased to support new members of the Family.		X	X	X	X
As a result of the 125 th Anniversary events, five USDA agencies are working with the 1890s to support their 125 th Anniversary Centers of Excellence for small farms and workforce development for international employment. ARS has established a sabbatical program for early career, tenure track faculty from the 1890s to work in ARS labs for 6 – 12 months. The selections will be made through a competitive process and is to begin in 2016.		X	X		X
The ARD is working to strengthen its 501(c)(3) status by developing Bylaws, establishing a Board of Directors and strengthening its fiscal management.		X	X		X

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<p>DOW AgroSciences (DAS) has been piloting a Leadership Development Program for 1890 students through assistance from ARD. In September, 2015 students at the University of MD Eastern Shore, Tuskegee University, Delaware State University and NC A&T State University participated in two days of leadership training workshops which will culminate in a certificate exam. The hope is that this training program will continue with four more campuses in 2016. DAS staff provide these workshops on the 1890 campuses.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>			<p align="center">X</p>
<p>The ARD was the hosting region for the 2015 ESS/SAES/ARD Annual meeting. NC A&T State University was the hosting campus since the meeting was held in Charlotte, NC. One day of the meeting the participants toured the NC Research Campus in Kannapolis, NC so as to be exposed to a model private-public research program in that state that had as its original visionary and benefactor, David Murdock of Dole Corporation. The other areas of discussion in addition to the business meeting were Water Security, Quality, Quantity and Policy and The Future of Plant Breeding. Shirley Hymon-Parker, Interim Dean and Director at NC A&T State University is the 2015-2016 ESCOP/ESS Chair and Bret Hess, Director at Univ. of Wyoming is Chair-Elect.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>
<p>The 1890s continue to support leadership programs and are increasing the numbers continuously of those participating in LEAD21 and FSLI.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>		<p align="center">X</p>
<p>The ARD continues to communicate with the 1890 universities through its website www.umes.edu/ard and its monthly newsletter, the <i>ARD Updates</i>. The ARD website is primarily a functional site and can be immediately updated through the ARD Executive Director. Documents, agendas, presentations, 1890 impacts, faculty expertise, etc are maintained at this site.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>		<p align="center">X</p>
<p>Mr. Delbert T. Foster, Director of Land-Grant Program, South Carolina State University, was inducted in 2016 NIFA Hall of Fame on October 22, 2015.</p>					<p align="center"><u>X</u></p>
<p>During the National Extension Director and Administrators meeting in St Louis, MO on October 12-14, 2015, the 125th Anniversary of the Second Morrill Act was celebrated and a resolution was presented to the 1890 land-Universities on behalf of ECOP.</p>					<p align="center"><u>X</u></p>
<p>Epsilon Sigma Phi, the National Extension Fraternity, and the National Association County Agricultural Agents, in recognition of the 125th Anniversary of the Second Morrill Act, established scholarships for 1890 representatives to attend their national meetings.</p>					<p align="center"><u>X</u></p>

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<p>Dr. Mark Latimore, Extension Administrator, Fort Valley State University will continue as chair for 2016 and Dr. Carolyn Williams, Associate Administrator, Prairie View A&M University will serve as Chair-Elect.. For the ARD, Dr. Govind Kannan is the 2015-2017 ARD Chair and Dr. Moses Kairo will serve as Chair-Elect in this same time period.</p>					<p align="center"><u>X</u></p>
<p>U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) announced passage of a Senate resolution he cosponsored that recognizes the 125th anniversary of the <i>Second Morrill Act</i> – legislation passed on August 30, 1890 that led to the creation of 19 historically Black Federal land-grant educational institutions. The resolution also designated August 30, 2015 as “1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasiquicentennial Recognition Day.” Brown is a senior member of the Senate Agriculture Committee.</p>		<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	<p align="center">X</p>	

<p align="center">BAA Section Planned and New Activities (Briefly describe any new activities planned for next year)</p>				
<p>Planning has begun in earnest for the next ARD Research Symposium which will be held in April, 2017. Proposals from three hotels will be reviewed and then the location will be announced. Participation of students and faculty will number about 900.</p>	<p align="center">X</p>			