

**Board on Agriculture Assembly
Academic Programs Section Report to the Policy Board of Directors**

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

BAA Section Activities (Briefly describe activities since previous reporting period)	Emerging Issues and Future Directions	Resource Advocacy	Farm Bill and Legislative Action	System Integration
National Academic Programs Staff Development Workshop - APS hosted a Staff Development Workshop for Academic Programs Staff from across the nation at The Ohio State University in May 2015. This workshop addressed topics including (but not limited to) student recruitment and retention; ambassador programs; First Year Experience (FYE); study abroad; undergraduate research and honors; multicultural student services; career development; alumni relations; and branding and marketing.	X			X
Higher Education Initiatives - Continued support of Higher Education initiatives, including teaching awards program and advocating for the inclusion of education objectives in NIFA/AFRI RFAs.	X	X		X
Leadership Development - APS has continues to support LEAD21 (two members serving on the Board of Directors); APS has also been supportive of the Foods Systems Leadership Institute (FSLI) and has encouraged institutional participation in both programs.	X			X
FAEIS - APS strongly supports the need for reliable data regarding students enrolled in majors related to agriculture, natural resources and related sciences. Currently, data relative to enrollment, degrees awarded, faculty, student placement and other information are collected by the Food and Agricultural Education Information System (FAEIS). Data are important in evaluating trends and identifying emerging areas of study.	X	X		X
APS Re-Envisioning - APS conducted a re-envisioning/strategic planning day-long session in Orlando, FL following the APLU Annual Meeting in November 2014. The summary was distributed to the APS membership, actions teams identified, and a timeline established for completion of this comprehensive plan. Action Teams have continued to work on macro goals and have interacted within their respective sub-groups to develop implementation plans. Groups will report and discuss findings at a future meeting and will work to incorporate into a comprehensive APS Strategic Plan.	X	X	X	X