

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

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Reporting Period July 2015 – November 2015

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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
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 began a re-envisioning/strategic planning effort following the APLU Annual Meeting in November 2014. The APS membership identified actions teams and established a timeline for completion of this comprehensive plan.	X	X	X	X
Industry & Academic Programs Partnerships - APS began an initiative to connect with academic programs-related stakeholders during our November APLU Meetings. Last year in Orlando the group visited Disney and learned more about their comprehensive internship program and associated training. This year the group will tour FFA, Dow AgroSciences, and Traders Point Creamery.	X	X		