

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

**PBD Member – Elaine Turner**

**Reporting Period November 2015 – March 2016**

**Section Chair – Susan Sumner**

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

<b>BAA Section Activities</b> (Briefly describe activities since previous reporting period)	<b>Emerging Issues and Future Directions</b>	<b>Resource Advocacy</b>	<b>Farm Bill and Legislative Action</b>	<b>System Integration</b>
<b>Higher Education Initiatives</b> - Continued support of Higher Education initiatives, including teaching awards program and advocating for Higher Education Challenge grants program.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Leadership Development</b> - 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.	<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>FAEIS</b> - 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.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>APS and Diversity</b> – APS is focusing much more on diversity issues around food, agriculture, and a natural resources faculty and students. APS’ winter workshop brought in experts to discuss how to improve inclusivity and diversity in our colleges. APS will submit a preliminary proposal to the NSF INCLUDES RFP.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>APS at National Meetings</b> - APS was well-represented at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy meeting on “Raising the Profile of Agriculture” and at the National Academies of Sciences workshop “Creating the Future Workforce in Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources.” APS will continue to be engaged with NAS when results from the workshop are released.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		

\*Please see the attached 2011-2016 BAA-PBD Plan of Work Goals and Actions for more information on goals.