

BAA Policy Board of Directors Plan of Work 2017 -- 2022

Academic Programs Section Report

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Briefly describe any new or modified activities, initiatives, policies or other actions conducted by your section or organization in the past year that directly addressed the PBD planned actions below. Not every PBD action is expected to be addressed in each report.

Current and Emerging Issues and Future Directions
Goal: Identify current and emerging local, regional, national, and global opportunities and challenges and facilitate strategic discussions and actions that will impact and guide future directions for the System.
Actions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage strategic approaches to integrate, prioritize, and address existing and anticipated future opportunities and challenges in learning, discovery, and engagement.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• APS hosted a Staff Workshop bringing together Academic Programs staff members from institutions across the country to share best practices and enhance professional development.• Provide forums to engage the System and external partners in strategic dialogues to develop recommendations on policy and System-wide approaches for action to address current and emerging issues.
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Resource Advocacy
Goal: Seek additional resources for the System through collaborations, partnerships, communications, marketing, budget development, and advocacy.
Actions: Support the Budget & Advocacy Committee (BAC) in its budget development and advocacy efforts, including:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing the System’s federal budget request and associated messages with target audiences.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating and vetting BAC’s message throughout the System and stimulating and supporting dialogue among sections.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating marketing and communication efforts across the BAA and among learning, discovery, and engagement leaders.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fostering understanding of the rationale for budget requests and gaining commitment for them.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the BAA’s contracted advocacy and communication and marketing firms effectively by setting and providing oversight for achievement of measurable goals.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including System members and constituent groups (e.g. CARET, professional societies, commodity organizations, and other user groups) in the development and implementation of advocacy strategies.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitating development of a strategic communications and marketing plan to enhance the public's understanding of the System's impacts on social, environmental, and economic issues at the community, national, and international levels.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying and cultivating legislative Congressional champions.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building and deepening relationships across all missions with the National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At its 2017 Winter meeting, NIFA representatives shared updates relevant to Academic Programs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeking and establishing mission-critical relationships with other appropriate federal and state agencies including the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At its 2017 Winter meeting, APS hosted representatives from NSF educational grant programs to inform members about grant-funding opportunities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying and recommending new national-level collaborators and partners and fostering mutually beneficial relationships.

<p>Authorizing Legislation and Associated Action</p>
<p>Goal: Develop and support policies and legislative action and subsequent implementation that enhance the System's ability to carry out its missions and increase the federal investment in the System over the life of the Farm Bill.</p>
<p>Actions: Support the Committee on Legislation and Policy (CLP) in its efforts to guide Farm Bill and other appropriate legislation development, passage, and subsequent implementation, including:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positioning the System for new opportunities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing appreciation within key federal agencies of the System's capabilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying and cultivating legislative champions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forming implementation teams to work with appropriate federal agencies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring rules as they are developed and published.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeping the System informed of new opportunities and funding mechanisms presented as new legislation is implemented.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor legislation and policies that may enhance or impede the System's progress and work with decision makers to make modifications where appropriate.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> USDA NIFA will not require the 25% match on FY18 Higher Education Challenge grants beginning with FY18 grants. The Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act (HR 3218, S 1598) provides for a 5th year of benefits for eligible veterans enrolled in STEM programs requiring more than 128 credit hours. HR 3218 initially did not include agricultural sciences programs in the STEM category, but was revised to include these. •

<p>System Integration</p>
<p>Goal: Enhance integration of goals and activities among BAA members and between the BAA and other groups within APLU's structure to gain synergy from collaborative actions.</p>
<p>Actions:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a public value message to describe and communicate collective BAA impact.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage efficiencies between and among federal agencies for learning, discovery, and engagement.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue communication among PBD members to find common ground and enhance integration of efforts.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support events and other opportunities that promote cross-Section communication and collaboration.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACOF participated in the Joint COPs meeting in July 2017 and will be planning for the 2019 meeting of all BAA sections in Florida. An important session on diversity and inclusion involved participants from all Sections.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with APLU staff and BAA Executive Directors and Administrators to ensure appropriate and effective linkages between the BAA and other groups within APLU.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APS maintains close relationships with APLU staff. APLU staff initiated an APS News Roundup email communication in July 2017 to provide regular updates on national issues relevant to the Section.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognize excellence throughout the System through support of national awards and recognitions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APS supports the USDA-NIFA Teaching Awards of Excellence. APS will be proposing a new category of recognition for 2018 for faculty who are non-tenure track or whose tenure-track position is almost exclusively focused on teaching.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support leadership development within the System, particularly through the Food Systems Leadership Institute and LEAD-21.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APS continues to support FSLI and LEAD-21.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support diversity and inclusion across the System in all decisions and actions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APS hosted a session at the 2017 Winter meeting on assessment of cultural competence and implications for diversity and inclusion initiatives.

Next Year's Key Initiatives or Actions
Please list your section's or organization's key initiatives and/or actions planned for next year.
Initiatives/Actions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APS will be repeating a survey on employability skills that was first administered in 2011. A planning committee to construct the survey, identify participants and develop a process for implementation. A pilot survey is in progress. The final survey of employers, recent graduates and current students will be implemented in early 2018.