

AGENDA

2015 Policy Board of Directors Board on Agriculture Assembly

Conference Call
4:00 p.m. (EDT)
February 11, 2015

Barbara Allen-Diaz, Chair

*Dean and Director, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences
University of Georgia*

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| • Call to Order | Barbara Allen-Diaz |
| • Roll Call | Eddie G. Gouge |
| • Discussion of Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Recommendation | Jay T. Akridge |

ACTIONS TAKEN/TO BE TAKEN (person(s) responsible):

- The BAC also adopted a motion to endorse in concept the “Dear Colleague” letter for Members of Congress being proposed by the AFRI Coalition and SOAR (Supporters of Agricultural Research)
- Adopted a motion to accept and approve the budget recommendations for Fiscal Year 2016 brought forth by the BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee as follows:
- To continue the following seven priority areas –
 - Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)
 - Smith-Lever 3(b)-3(c)
 - Hatch Act
 - Evans-Allen
 - 1890 Institutions Extension
 - McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry
 - 1994 Institutions Research and Extension Programs
- To oppose the competitive element in the increases for capacity programs as proposed by the President’s FY 2016 Budget
- To support the budget request for the Innovation Institutes provided that these entities are funded through new monies and after the BAC’s seven priority areas are funded first
- To increase the budget request for the McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Program by 5% (the same amount as the proposed increase for Hatch funding) which would total \$1.5 million
- To hold the 1890 institutions harmless in funding as a result of the inclusion of Central State University as an 1890 institution

- To increase the budget request for the 1994 Institutions by \$3 million (with \$1 million going to 1994 Institutions' research and \$2 million going to 1994 Institutions' Extension programs)

NIFA BUDGET

(In Millions)

		Obama	BAA
	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2016
Research and Extension Activities			
Hatch Act	243.701	256.201	256.201
McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry	33.961	33.961	35.461
Research at 1890 Institutions (Evans-Allen)	52.485	60.500	60.500
Payments to 1994 Institutions	3.439	3.654	3.654
Education Grants for 1890 Institutions (Capacity Building)	19.336	20.410	20.410
Education Grants for Hispanic-Serving Institutions	9.219	9.219	9.219
Education Grants for Alaska/Hawaii Native Serving Inst.	3.194	3.194	3.194
Research Grants for 1994 Institutions	1.801	1.914	2.914
Capacity Building Grants for Non-Land-Grants	4.500	0.000	0.000
Resident Instruction/Distance Learning Insular Areas	2.000	1.800	1.800
Agriculture and Food Research Initiative	325.000	450.000	450.000
Innovation Institutes	0.000	80.000	80.000
Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment	5.000	5.000	5.000
Animal Health and Disease Research Program	4.000	0.000	0.000
Supplemental and Alternative Crops	0.825	0.000	0.000
Critical Agricultural Materials	0.000	0.000	0.000
Multicultural Scholars, Fellowship/Challenge Grants	9.000	0.000	0.000
Secondary/& 2-year Post Secondary Education	0.900	0.000	0.000
Aquaculture Centers	4.000	4.000	4.000
Food & Agriculture Resilience Program for Vets	0.000	2.500	2.500
Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education	22.667	22.667	22.667
Farm Business Management	1.450	0.000	0.000
Sun Grant Program	2.500	0.000	0.000
Minor Crop Pest Management (IR-4)	11.913	11.913	11.913
Special Research Grants	4.105	1.405	1.405
Federal Administration	20.528	20.425	20.425
Alfalfa Research	1.350	0.000	0.000
SUBTOTAL	786.874	988.763	991.263
Extension Activities			
Smith-Lever 3(b)-(c)	300.000	304.000	304.000
Extension Services at 1890 Institutions	43.920	49.350	49.350
Extension Services at 1994 Institutions	4.446	4.724	6.724
Facility Improvements at 1890 Institutions	19.730	21.703	21.703
RREA	4.060	4.060	4.060

Rural Health & Safety	1.500	0.000	0.000
Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database Program	1.250	0.000	0.000
Women & Minorities in STEM Fields/Grants to Youth	0.400	0.000	0.000
Food Safety Outreach	2.500	5.000	5.000
Smith-Lever 3(d)			
EFNEP	67.934	67.934	67.934
Farm Safety/Youth Farm Safety	4.610	4.610	4.610
New Technologies for Ag (eXtension)	1.550	1.750	1.750
Children, Youth, & Families at Risk	8.395	8.395	8.395
Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program	3.039	3.039	3.039
Ag in the Classroom	0.552	0.000	0.000
Grants to Youth Organizations	0.000	1.000	1.000
Federal Administration	7.805	9.830	9.830
SUBTOTAL	471.691	485.395	487.395
INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES			
Water Quality	0.000	0.000	0.000
Methyl Bromide Transition Program	2.000	0.000	0.000
Organic Transition Program	4.000	4.000	4.000
Regional Rural Development Centers	1.000	1.000	1.000
Food and Agriculture Defense Initiative	6.700	6.700	6.700
Crop Protection/Pest Management	17.200	17.200	17.200
SUBTOTAL	30.900	28.900	28.900
TOTAL	1289.465	1503.058	1507.558

The following members/staff participated in the conference call: Barbra Allen-Diaz (Chair), *University of California Systemwide*; **Jay T. Akridge** (Chair Elect), *Purdue University*; **L. Cameron Faustman** (Academic Programs Alternate), *University of Connecticut*; **Tim L. Cross** (Cooperative Extension), *University of Tennessee, Knoxville*; **Steven A. Slack** (Experiment Station), *The Ohio State University*; **Shirley Hymon-Parker**, (1890 Land-Grant Universities), *North Carolina A&T State University*; **Terry J. Tatsey** (1994 Institutions), *Blackfeet Community College*; **Karen L. Jones** (APLU Non-Land-Grant Institutions Alternate), *Southern Illinois University*; **Robert W. Godfrey** (Insular/Territorial Institutions), *University of the Virgin Islands*; **L. Washington Lyons**, *1890 Land-Grant Institutions Staff*; **Ian L. Maw**, *APLU*; **Wendy Fink**, *APLU*; and, **Eddie G. Gouge**, *APLU*.

The following members/staff were absent: Linda C. Martin (Academic Programs), *The Ohio State University*; **Gretchen C. Neisler** (International Agriculture), *Michigan State University*; **Timothy N. Burcham** (APLU Non-Land-Grant Institutions), *Arkansas State University*; **Eric Young**, *ESCOP Staff*; **John L. Phillips**, *1994 Institutions Staff*; and, **Jane Schuchardt**, *Cooperative Extension Staff*.