EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT
TO THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
BOARD ON HUMAN SCIENCES
November 9, 2019

Since the 2019 Joint BoHS Spring Conference and July meeting of the BoHS Board of Directors in Park City, Utah, it has been a busy and productive time for us at APLU and the Board on Human Sciences. Here are some of the highlights of the activities in which we have been involved:

- Worked with and supported the BoHS Board of Directors’ Chair, Vice President for Program, Secretary-Treasurer, and liaisons –
  - Communicated with the BoHS Chair and other officers
  - Consulted with the Nominations Committee Chair on a replacement to fill the seat vacated by Michael D. Delp, Florida State University
  - Assisted in developing and preparing the Fiscal Year 2020 budget for the BoHS
  - Monitored implementation of the investment strategy for BoHS funds at APLU
  - Worked with the leaders at BoHS (Carolyn Dunn) and CAFCS (Victoria Shahan) in planning the 2020 Joint BoHS/CAFCS Spring Meeting on February 18-21, 2020 in Kansas City, MO, Innovative Leadership for the Human Sciences, and issued speaker invitations to the following:
    - Deb Snellen, Executive Director of Organizational and Professional Development, University of Missouri Advancement
    - J. Scott Angle, Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U. S. Department of Agriculture
    - Marshall Stewart, Vice Provost and Director of Extension, University of Missouri, and Chairman, Committee on Legislation and Policy, Board on Agriculture Assembly, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
    - Tim Steffensmeir, Associate Professor and Director of the Leadership Communication Program, Kansas State School of Leadership Studies, Kansas State University
    - Gayla L. Randall, Instructor, Curriculum and Instruction, Kansas State University
    - Michael Finnegan, Assistant Professor and Academic Advisor, Kansas State University
    - Michelle Coon, Statistician, National Center for Education Statistics, U. S. Department of Education
• Assisted in providing organizational structure for the Board on Human Sciences –
  o Prepared and disseminated agendas, information, reports, and minutes
  o Scheduled and participated in conference calls to work on the nominations for awards

• Supported efforts for advocacy of federal policy as well as collaboration with national and international organizations –
  o Congratulated Caroline Crocoll on her appointment as one of the six National Science Liaisons for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture at the U. S. Department of Agriculture
  o Shared information SNAP/SNAP-Ed (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and actions on Fiscal Year 2020 with administrators
  o Continued BoHS representation on the Well-Connected Communities, a collaboration with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, as a follow-on to the work of the joint Healthy Food Systems/Healthy People Initiative of the APLU Boards on Human Sciences and Agriculture Assembly
  o Provided the announcement of the appointment of Dr. Roger A. Rennekamp as the new Extension Health Director on November 1, 2019 and secured his participation in the BoHS portion of the APLU Annual Meeting
  o Distributed the request for nominations from the U. S. Departments of Agriculture and Human Services for the 2020 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee
  o Assisted in keeping the issues of concern to the BoHS before the Board on Agriculture Assembly (BAA) Budget and Advocacy Committee (BAC) and Committee on Legislation and Policy (CLP)

• Advanced the BoHS organization –
  o Continued work on updating the BoHS portion of the APLU website
  o Used social media (e.g. Twitter) to share information about issue of importance to the human sciences community
  o Continued Human Sciences at Work on the BoHS website and used in Twitter to highlight the work being done by the BoHS-member institutions
  o Attended the annual conference of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
  o Participated in the conference calls and meeting of the Alliance for Family and Consumer Sciences
  o Continued the BoHS membership in the International Federation of Home Economics and indicated the group’s intention to provide a contribution of $1,000 for the upcoming World Congress in 2020
  o Assisted in planning the BoHS program that is part of the APLU Annual Meeting
  o Provided award nomination materials to the BoHS Awards Committee and tabulated the results and informed all relevant parties of the outcome for the 2019 awards –

  ▪ Undergraduate Research Mentor Award
    Awardee: Elizabeth L. Stegenmüller, Associate Professor, Department of Kinesiology, College of Human Sciences, Iowa State University
**Outstanding Engagement Award**
Awardee: **Julie Garden-Robinson**, Professor and Extension Food Safety and Nutrition Specialist, College of Human Development and Education, *North Dakota State University*

**Ellen Swallow Richards Public Service Award**
Awardee: **Sonny Ramaswamy**, President, Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, and Director Emeritus, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, *U. S. Department of Agriculture*

**Lifetime Achievement Award**
Awardee: **June M. Henton**, Dean Emerita, College of Human Sciences, *Auburn University*

**Undergraduate Research Mentor Award**

- Communicated with the BoHS award winners about their selection and provided information about their participation in the BoHS portion of the 132nd APLU Annual Meeting being held in San Diego, California on November 10-12, 2019
  - Secured the plaques and financial awards for these winners

- Provided letters of welcome to new BoHS deans/administrators

- Distributed reminder notices and made telephone calls on the BoHS memberships that have not been renewed

- Explored avenues to increase the membership of the BoHS and compiled a listing of potential BoHS members (including contact information)

- Contacted the deans and presidents/chancellors of institutions that have indicated their membership withdrawal from the BoHS

- Updated and maintained the BoHS membership directory

- Created an electronic distribution list in the APLU database for the Council of Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS)

- Received and selected three nominations for the 2019-2020 BoHS Social Media Internship Program and selected the following students:
  - **Breanne Burks**, *Kansas State University*
  - **Tyra Adams**, *University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff*
  - **Kalifa Washington**, *Southern University and A&M College*

- Collaborated with the leaders of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)/U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); the Council of Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences (CAFCS); the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS); FCS Alliance; Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA); and, other partners

- Worked with APLU’s Human Resources Department and prepared a job announcement for the Associate position for the Board on Human Sciences, Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching, and Cooperative Extension

- Conducted interviews, made an offer, and received an acceptance from the top candidate, **Florence Drumwright**, to serve as the Associate for the Board on Human Sciences, Council
for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching, and Cooperative Extension; she will begin her employment at APLU on November 18, 2019

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