The Board on Human Sciences

Representing the Human Dimension in the Sciences

The Board on Human Sciences (BoHS) is one of the five constituent boards of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) Commission on Food, Environment, and Renewable Resources. The BoHS is an association of administrators of higher education units responsible for research/discovery, teaching/learning, and extension/out-reach programs in the human sciences disciplines at state and land-grant universities across America. Human Sciences use integrative, multidisciplinary and ecological approaches to study relationships among humans and their environments in order to foster individual health and well-being, and quality of life, strengthen communities, and achieve a healthy and economically sustainable world. The BoHS is the premier advocacy group who provide leadership in representing the human dimension in science disciplines that focus on improving the health and well-being and quality of living for individuals, families and communities throughout the world.

Mission

The Board on Human Sciences’ mission is to strengthen the intellectual integrity, stature and centrality of the Human Sciences in member institutions, in the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities and in government and industry by:

• Advocating for visibility and resources to support Human Sciences research and discovery, teaching and learning, and community outreach and engagement programs;
• Supporting development and stewardship of academic excellence in Human Sciences; and
• Articulating consistently the significance and impact of Human Sciences and preparing leaders to further the mission and vision of BoHS.

Vision

Human Sciences is a thriving, vibrant, relevant and respected field of study that is central to institutions of higher education and society.

Primary goals and objectives set by BoHS to focus the work of the organization on attaining its mission.

• Goal 1: Advocate for visibility and resources to support Human Sciences research and discovery, teaching and learning, and community outreach programs
  
  Objective 1: Increase representation and visibility of Human Sciences in APLU, government agencies, private agencies, and higher education
**Objective 2:** Influence the APLU agenda and priorities

**Objective 3:** Build connections with relevant human science professional organizations – NCFR, etc. (organizations to which our faculty belong)

- **Goal 2:** Articulate consistently the significance and impact of Human Sciences and prepare future leaders to further the mission and vision of BoHS

**Objective 1:** Recruit, cultivate, and mentor leaders for the Human Sciences

**Objective 2:** Prepare Human Science leaders for upper administration in higher education and for leadership roles in government and private systems