The APLU and its Council on Research: An Extraordinary Community for Driving Positive Change

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What is APLU?

• **Research and advocacy organization** of public research universities, land-grant institutions, and state university systems.

• **Excellence** in learning, discovery and engagement.

• APLU often teams and liaises with other organizations (e.g., AAU, COGR, NORDP) on advocacy issues
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- Inside Higher Ed: Ratings Without ... Rating
- USA Today: Universities follow athletics' lead in bundling sponsorships
- CNBC: This is why state colleges cost so much
- Science: Senate panel approves $2 billion raise for NIH in 2016
- Washington Examiner: Congress pursues major funding boost to NIH
- The Hill: Boost NIH funding
- The Chronicle of Higher Education: Removing Confederate Symbols Is a Step, but Changing a Campus Culture Can Take Years
- Rolling Stone: 6 Ways Campus Cops Are Becoming More Like Regular Police
- Lawrence Journal-World: KU seeks distinction from Association of Public and Land-grant Universities *
- Phoenix Business Journal: UA recognized as an Innovation, Economic Prosperity University *
- The Courier-Journal: U of L honors Jewish Fund, lawyer Glasscock *
By the Numbers

- **238 Members**
  - 209 public and research universities
    - 75 land-grant universities
    - 23 historically black colleges and universities
    - 8 Canadian universities
    - 5 Mexican universities
  - 24 state university **systems**
  - 5 related organizations
By the Numbers

APLU member campuses:
- Enroll 4.7 million undergraduates
- Enroll 1.2 million graduate students
- Award over 1.2 million degrees
- Employ over 1.4 million faculty and staff
- Conduct more than $42.7 billion in university-based research
Organization

- Board of Directors
- President: Peter McPherson
- Vice Presidents
  - Academic Affairs
  - Access and Success: The Advancement of Public Black Universities and Hispanic Serving Institutions
  - Congressional & Governmental Affairs
  - Finance
  - Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Programs
  - International Programs
  - Public Affairs
  - Research, Innovation and STEM Policy
- Student Affairs
- Urban Initiatives
Initiatives

NOTE: This is not an exhaustive list

- Access & Diversity
- Accountability & Transparency
- Agriculture, Human Sciences & Natural Resources
- College Costs, Tuition & Financial Aid
- Degree Completion
- Economic Development & Community Engagement
- International Programs
- Learning With Technology
- Research, Science & Technology
- STEM Education
- Urban Initiatives
Organization: Councils

Ten (Standing) Councils
- 1890 Universities
- Presidents
- Presidents’ and Chancellors’ Spouses/Partners
- Academic Affairs
- Business Affairs
- Engagement and Outreach
- Governmental Affairs
- Research (formerly Council on Research Policy and Graduate Education)
- Strategic Communications
- Student Affairs
Organization: Commissions

Six (Multi-Council/Topic) Commissions

• Access, Diversity, and Excellence
• Food, Environment, and Renewable Resources
• Innovation, Competitiveness, and Economic Prosperity
• International Initiatives
• Science and Mathematics Teacher Imperative
• Coalition of Urban Serving Universities
My Personal Observations of CoR

• **Learn** from one another and **help** one another – a safe space to share challenges and ideas among trusted friends

• **Piloting** big notions that we can then all **adapt** to our own organizations (Hill fellows, leadership academies, research development)

• Define our unique/varied role and share ideas to **drive positive change** in our institutions

• Ensure we are more than administrators but also **mentor** faculty & **shape research directions** on our campuses

• Develop the **next generation** of VPRs/VCRs by gathering input from a broad group of people

• A one-voice approach to **critical national issues**