



**Academic Committee on Organization and Policy**  
**APLU Annual Meeting**  
New Orleans Marriott,  
New Orleans, LA  
Saturday, Nov 10, 2018

**Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 12:25 pm by ACOP Chair, Tracy Hoover, *Pennsylvania State University*. Other meeting attendees are listed below:

Cindy Akers, Texas Tech University  
Scott Angle, USDA NIFA  
Gary Blair, Mississippi State University CARET Representative  
John Buckwalter, Kansas State University  
Cynda Clary, Oklahoma State University  
Penny Diebel, Oregon State University  
Marcos Fernandez, Purdue University  
Wendy Fink, APLU  
Bill Hoffman, USDA NIFA  
Muquarrab Qureshi, USDA NIFA  
Lona Robertson, University of Arkansas  
Joe Sullivan, University of Maryland  
Susan Sumner, Virginia Tech University  
Elaine Turner, University of Florida  
Brian Warnick, Utah State University

NIFA Update: Muquarrab Qureshi, *NIFA Deputy Director*.

Discussed status of NIFA relocation process. Economic Research Service co-locate with NIFA. Currently looking at what functions will stay in the National Capital Region and which ones will move. Office of the Director and some director staff will stay in DC. Also looking at what reorganization will be needed as well. 136 sites expressed interest – representing 32 states. An outside contractor is reviewing (Ernest Young) the site proposals and will be developing a short list for further review. Hope to have more information by early 2019. Not a reorganization of the agency, but a relocation. Doesn't need congressional approval. Plan is to be at new location by October, 2019. May move to 2 year RFAs instead of 1 year during this transitional time. Total strength 340 positions – have 80 open.

Visit from NIFA Director: Scott Angle, *USDA NIFA*

Discussed his background including his history in the land-grant system – as a student and as a faculty member and administrator. 11<sup>th</sup> day on the job. Will be interacting formally and informally. Goals include increasing funding rates for grant programs and facilitating an effective relocation process while continuing service to constituents.

Approval of Minutes, Cynda Clary, *Oklahoma State University*  
*Susan moved – Lona seconded, approved as submitted.*

Winter Meeting Planning, Tracy Hoover, *Pennsylvania State Univ.*

Program ideas include panels with Innovative Teaching Awards winners to discuss projects. Continue with Generation Z programming. Developing an APS mentoring program. Lobbying/Advocacy 101 – Cornerstone presentation. Emergency preparedness at higher education institutions including mental health issues – students, staff and faculty. Handling

accommodations for students in online courses/programs – possibly including representatives from course management software companies.

#### Director's Report, Wendy Fink, *APLU*

- 1994 institutions will be coming back to APLU in January, 2019. Currently, 35 1994 institutions. Wendy recommended that we include opportunity for travel funds to encourage participation at the Winter Meeting.
- Strategic Realignment – In July, committee proposed a 12 line model however felt this is still too many. Have had subsequent committee meetings and may propose a 3 line model along the format of education/research/extension. For education, pull together all of the groups that have lines under that category. In general, provide capacity support or provide targeted assistance (competitive programs). Wendy suggested that the capacity support funds need to increase at a faster rate than the other competitive funds. Wendy discussed potential resistance to the different models and strategies for addressing these issues. The committee will be requesting feedback from the sections and then will make a recommendation. Mike Harrington joined the ACOP meeting to provide more perspective from the committee. Provided a handout with committee history, progress and next steps. Incoming ACOP chair, Marcos Fernandez will be replacing Tracy Hoover on the committee.
- Next Jt COPS – Seattle or Park City, July 22-24, 2019
- Employability Skills Survey Update – Reporting of results is delayed and won't be presented at the Winter Meeting. Lead investigator, Pat Crawford, changed institutions (Michigan state to South Dakota State), some data issues with the statistical model, qualitative analysis is taking more time, 1000 pages of comments to analyze. Because the results are delayed, the survey will be reopened to some institutions who weren't able to participate earlier due to IRB issues.
- New Beginnings Initiative – may be in the new Farm Bill, provides scholarship and program support for Native American students to attend land grant institutions.
- GCHERA – section of upcoming conference will be focused on student learning. Wendy encouraged the committee to consider participating.
- Rural Serving Institutions – Wendy recommended that member institutions examine student demographics – what percentage of students from rural areas or rural high school. Different groups use different definitions of rural. Wendy will send these out to ACOP so that we can select a consistent definition for data collection.
- Enrollment Data Reporting – inconsistent reporting – requests for FAEIS data may be sent to outdated list.
- Budget – handout – Wendy reviewed 2018 actual budget and proposed 2019 budget. She will incorporate the APS mini-sabbatical program. Elaine moved to include travel scholarships to 1994 institutions – Lona seconded, motion approved. Lona moved approval of the revised budget, Susan seconded. Motion approved.
- APS staffing support – currently APS has 60% of Wendy's time. APS needs full-time support. Tracy suggested that we propose an adjustment over a 3-year period so that APLU/BAA could examine how to cover the duties that have been assigned to Wendy's 40% appointment.

Election of New Secretary, Tracy Hoover, *PSU*  
*Penny Diebel and Brian Warnick are the nominees.*

#### PBD Report, Elaine Turner, *University of Florida*

Strategic realignment was discussed. Members were asked to take the proposal to the regional groups

BAC Report David Buchanan, *North Dakota State University*  
Wendy gave a very short report.

#### DCC & CMC Report, Cynda Clary, *Oklahoma State University*

Nothing new to report from July. Cynda will continue to serve as the ACOP representative to the CMC.

NARRU Report, Cindy Akers, *APLU*  
Updating strategic plan was focus of national meeting. See attachment.

#### Regional Updates

Lona Robertson, *University of Arkansas*  
Joe Sullivan, *University of Maryland, NE*  
Brian Warnick, *Utah State University*  
*NC – need to select a chair and a chair-elect*

Board on Human Sciences Update John Buckwalter, *Kansas State University*

Have another organization – CAFCS – mostly made up of land grant institutions, but also other publics and some privates – so have decided to host their meetings together (Board of Human Sciences) – will trade off meeting locations, not always in DC. Continued to advocate on policy issues and submit feedback on related federal initiatives. Continue to refine social media messaging using social media student stipends. Interns receive \$1000 stipend for two semesters. Currently have 3 interns. Hardest part is coordinating messaging so that they are not repeating content. #ISpyHumanSci Shared recipient names for upcoming national awards.

CARET Gary Blair, *ACOP CARET Representative*

Inviting two National USDA winners to be luncheon speakers at their national CARET meeting in March. (2 – 6).

#### Old Business

Tracy mentioned that Doug Steele will be at the Winter meeting.

New Business – nothing to report.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:23 pm.

#### **Add to your Calendar the upcoming ACOP meetings:**

Nov. 10-12, 2019                      Hilton San Diego Bayfront, San Diego, CA

## Non Land Grant Update – November APLU Meeting

The NARRU Annual Meeting was September 9 – 11, 2018 in Jonesboro, Arkansas

- The focus was on updating the strategic plan

The following 5 priorities are still important for the non-land grant institutions:

1. Increase Federal Funding for NLGCA organizations with specific needs for human resources and capital.
2. Increase Collaborations and Partnerships
3. Improve Advocacy and Branding especially as providers of Workforce/Talent Development
4. Increase Leadership Development and improve succession planning
5. Improve Diversity among our students and faculty

Still a focus on increasing the NLGCA funding from \$5 million to \$10 million

Very happy to see the removal of the HIS and McIntire Stennis restriction.

NARRU is not ready to make a decision on combining the NLGCA funds with AFRI for the following reasons:

1. We are unsure of the reasons for incorporating NLGCA funding into the AFRI line, and question if this action is in the best interest of all partners.
2. A clear pathway must be developed and explained as to how the integrity of the NLGCA funds will be maintained in the event of budget line consolidation.
3. If funding lines must be combined the Non-Land Grant institutions believe a grouping of teaching lines would be a better fit. However, we are not ready to be grouped because our funds support both teaching and research capacity building. A clear pathway must be developed.