

ACOP Meeting and APS Business Meeting

Date: November 17, 2015

Location: Annual APLU Meeting @ Indianapolis, Indiana

Introductions Present at the meeting were Wendy Fink, David Shintani, Bryan Garton, Anne Veeger, Linda Martin, Cameron Faustman, David Buchanan, Susan Sumner, Cynda Clary, Cindy Akers, Antoine Alston, Dick Crowder, Marshall Stewart

Approval of the Minutes – A motion to approve the minutes was seconded and the minutes were approved.

FSLI director report Marshall Stuart: FSLI has just enrolled its 11th cohort. The program is anchor at NCSU and Cal Poly SLO. It is a 2 year program focusing on developing leaders to promote issues related to food and agricultural systems. FLSI emphasizes three basically three areas: 1) personal leadership, 2) organizational leadership, and 3) major topics in food systems in broadest sense. FLSI was developed to address the need to train academic leaders (especially at the Dean, Provost and Presidents level) that can advocate for agricultural issues and food systems. The program provides executive coaching, a mentoring system, and online learning modules that back up content. Webinar and conference calls monthly. Commission is looking to start a new FLSI program that will emphasize international experiences. Applications are taken year round. The cost of the program is \$19,000 for two year program. Scholarship funding available for 1890 and 1994s

APS Teaching Innovation Awards: This program is designed to provide faculty with seed money to develop programs that can seek further funding form the USDA Higher Education Challenge grant program. Eligible proposals need to show a partnership between at least two different institutions and include junior and senior faculty.

Five grants were awarded this year and were presented at NACTA meeting in June. RFA for 2016 will be coming in April or May. \$2000 per award and only for new applicants will be eligible.

Nominating Committee Reports: Anne Veeger

OSTP Meeting on Ag Workforce Development: OSTP has taken interest in workforce in agriculture two meetings on topic on agriculture workforce. December 1st meeting aimed at practitioners. Aim is to develop strategies to get people into Ag workforce pipeline and raise the profile of agriculture. Next meeting scheduled is for the January/February time frame. The meeting will involve the participation of CEO types from industry and academia. The goal is to obtain real commitments from industry and academia. Want to recruit more minorities and women to ag fields, want to focus on getting more ag modules into general science modules, move biology courses from using cell biology to using plants as an example of how we can expose non-ag students to careers in agriculture.

National Academies of Science Workshop: Planned for Feb 10 and 11 full day meetings. They are in the process of putting together formal committees, collaboration of government, academic, industry. On first day, a plenary session is scheduled to engage CEO types. They will have a closed webcast to allow participation of CEO types who would charge practitioners to do the work. Practitioners will have 24 hours to come up with plan.

1994s: AIHEC (American Indian Higher Ed Consortium) AIHEC was member of APLU and BAA. They decided to no longer maintain membership in APLU. APLU will be removing them from email list serves, documents etc... But APLU will still invite AIHEC to meetings and future membership if they are interested. But in the past, AIHEC did not regularly attend APLU meetings because they did not feel that their interests were being addressed. Does this affect our ability to interact and support 1994s? How do we achieve this goal in this new environment?

NAARU Report

Keep non-land-grant capacity building grant funds.

FAIES: Susan Sumner asked for general enrollment numbers and will ask for demographic data later. The new coordinator is doing great job cleaning up data sets. This year big push by USDA to include community college data.

Communications and Marketing Committee

The current focus is on presidential campaigns. They came up with a proposal to engage K-Global to take forward our priorities to individual campaigns. They would engage through social media and show up at town halls in Iowa. Need to engage before Iowa. Will cost a lot of money so may not happen. Currently K-Global paid by ESCOP, AHS, and ECOP.

Budget and advocacy committee (Ian Maw) Chair Allen Grant from Virginia Tech.

Cornerstone: Update from Cornerstone on omnibus bill. Deadline was December 11 and things were progressing well with a little more money available. Appropriation continuing and Cornerstone sees no problems. But don't expect increase in budgets. Discussion were had on 2014 priorities and it was decided to stay with all six priorities from last year (except for 1994 ask). Executive section wants to maintain contract with Cornerstone for next 3 years.

NIFA: Report from Sonny Ramaswamy on NIFA updates. Budget for 2016 has passed and should move forward. Sonny was optimistic on budget.

APLU Stance on 1994s: In regards to the 1994 situation, APLU has agreed that we will keep door open to participate and will asked for advice and council from AHEIC.

New Support for Food and Health: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will be putting consortium of universities for fellowships on food and health. Will be giving out grants for ag and vet medicine. Farm Foundation is also developing a healthy food and healthy people task force. One to one dollar match for funding.

Antibiotic task force and vet med: The taskforce made recommendation to look at antibiotic resistance in animal science curriculum. Farm Foundation will have summit on Jan 21 and will present information to producers from the task force report. ERS is looking at the economic impact on directives proposed by the workforce.

Infrastructure Study: Infrastructure deferred maintenance study was conducted. Ninety one institutions participated. Study showed a need for \$8.4 billion dollars for infrastructure maintenance. Next thing need to do is to have discussion about road map to address budget shortfall.

Miscellaneous

Commission to look at food and food systems/nutrition/ ag production etc.. in 2050. How should institutions change to meet those challenges? Study will focus on North America including Canada and Mexico asking for \$500,000 from Kellogg Foundation to fund the study. Want report done by next Presidential Election.

Wendy did great job on visioning session at joint COPs meeting.

BAA Budget: modest increases in budget. Continue to carry healthy reserve

APS Budget: APS has large budget reserves. Need to discuss how to use the reserve strategically. A subcommittee was formed to come up with proposals for the budget and reserve. Cynda Clary, Cameron Faustman, and Linda Martin agreed to serve on that committee.

APS Regions

A subcommittee was formed to look at altering the current regional structures. Anne Veeger, Susan Sumner and David Shintani agree to serve on that committee.