

MINUTES

Academic Programs Section (APS) Business Meeting Thursday, March 9, 2017 Westin Alexandria, Alexandria, Virginia.

APS Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM (David Shintani).

Introduction of Attendees: **Cindy Akers** (Texas Tech Univ.); **Rod Barr** (NW Missouri State Univ.); **Don Boggs** (Kansas State Univ.); **Tony Brannon** (Murray State Univ.); **David Buchanan** (North Dakota State Univ.); **Dennis Buckmaster** (Purdue Univ.); **Timothy Burcham** (Arkansas State Univ.); **Cynda Clary** (Oklahoma State Univ.); **Michael Compton** (Univ. Wisconsin – Platteville); **Penny Diebel** (Oregon State Univ.); **J. Marcos Fernandez** (Purdue Univ.); **Wendy Fink** (APLU-APS); **Bryan Garton** (Univ. Missouri); **Jeffory Hattey** (Ohio State Univ.); **Mary Holtz-Clause** (Cal Poly – Pomona); **Tracy Hoover** (Penn State Univ.); **Karen Jones** (Southern Illinois Univ., Carbondale); **Fanson Kidwaro** (Univ. Central Missouri); **Rob Kinucan** (Sul Ross State Univ., TX); **Mark Largent** (Michigan State Univ.); **Richard D. Ludescher** (Rutgers Univ.); **Don Marshall** (South Dakota State Univ.); **Ian Maw** (APLU); **Kelly Millenbah** (Michigan State Univ.); **Pamala Morris** (Purdue Univ.); **Brian Parr** (Murray State Univ.); **Ankumah Ramble** (Tuskegee Univ., AL); **Chandra Reddy** (Tennessee State Univ.); **Rob Rhykerd** (Illinois State Univ.); **Lona Robertson** (Univ. Arkansas); **Michael Salisbury** (Angelo State Univ.); **David Shintani** (Univ. Nevada); **Joe Sullivan** (Univ. Maryland); **Susan Sumner** (Virginia Tech Univ.); **Elaine Turner** (Univ. Florida); **Howard Tyler** (Iowa State Univ.); **Anne Veeger** (Univ. Rhode Island); **Don Viands** (Cornell Univ.); **Gary Webb** (Missouri State Univ.); **Ania Wieczorek** (Univ. Hawaii); **Todd Winters** (Univ. Tennessee-Martin); **Sandra White** (Cal State Univ. – Fresno); **Amy Wright** (Auburn Univ., AL).

A. Ian Maw, Vice-President – APLU, Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources

- CARET in town this week advocate for budgets on the Hill. Well received, but at this time, funding is uncertain. Advocating for ONE BUDGET NUMBER this year; places us in a much better position.
- Deferred Maintenance across most agricultural- and related universities stands at about \$9.4 Billion (and it did not include UC-Davis or Texas A&M).
- NIFA Report: Assessing the importance and value of the Capacity Funds received. We are waiting on vetting of report.
- HFS/HP Taskforce (BoHS): Report now looks at implementation. Soon report will be released.
- AMR Taskforce: Shared composition of taskforce. Curriculum put forth for Animal Science and veterinary medicine students. Report will be made available on the web within a week [of March 9, 2016]. We are sharing with Animal Sciences Societies. Stand-up a virtual AMR Institute, will be housed in an institution that has a (a) Medical School, (b) Veterinary Medicine School, (c) Public Health, (d) and Agriculture; there are

less than 10 such institutions in the USA. Membership will be subscription-based. It will be governed by a board.

- APLU Commission on Change: The Kellogg Foundation provided \$500,000 to help support this initiative. A report draft will be available by end of week [today is March 9, 2016] to the commissioners. Goal is to launch on March 2017.
- We are working with more Canadian and Mexican APPLU/APS related institutions.
- Thanked the talented and dedicated Wendy Fink for her leadership and work with APS.
- Don Boggs (KSU) stated/asked: “The ONE ASK is nice, but I do not see that priority of educating the next generation will gain traction; hence, I do not see the benefit to APS interests.” Ian Maw responded: “Funding to advance APS interests is in AFRI where we are hoping to get a 19% increase.”

B. USDA-NIFA’s Suresh Sureshwaran

- USDA-NIFA Education Update [HANDOUT, Power Point Slide Set]
- Wendy Fink stated, “Let APLU-APS provide answers to the effort.”
- HEC Grant Matching Requirements are a hindrance, which is being addressed through the upcoming Farm Bill.

C. David Buchanan (NDSU Assoc. Dean): USDA Teaching Awards [HANDOUT]

- Three existing categories – National (n=2), Regional (n=6), New Teacher (n=2) – wanting to add a new fourth category: “Teaching & Student Engagement (n=2).”
- “Teaching & Student Engagement” would have at least 75% teaching Appointment, could include non-tenured Instructors, Faculty, Lecturers, Professors of Practice, etc., with little to no research responsibilities. Two awarded annually, with a \$5,000 award each plus travel expenses.
- Asked: “Why leave “tenured Professors” out of this category? Some full profs may be 100% teaching. Different institutions handle this differently; for example, maybe some profs from NARRU institutions.” Follow-up comments made, “would this then disfavor the outstanding Masters level Outstanding Teacher?”
- The institution nominating the faculty picks the nomination category.
- Elaine Turner (UF): “Good job with this. We are getting close with the wording.”
- Don Boggs (KSU) and Rick Ludescher (Rutgers): “the name for this new category bothers me, but we don’t have a suggestion.”
- Don Boggs (KSU) asked: “Is there an attempt to address the existing “New Teacher Award” where faculty in AgEd programs seem to be at an advantage over the other disciplined base faculty?” Wendy Fink (APS) responded: “There may be some of this happening, that is true, but the Teaching Award Review Committee usually is aware of this and takes it into account.
- Criteria for Nominees was spelled out (n=6), but looked specifically at Criteria #3, 4, and 5 (not Criteria #1, 2, and 6) and a table and tips can be found on HANDOUT.
- Cindy Akers (TTU): Whom is part of this committee took notes on this discussion, so please send comments, questions to her and David Buchanan (NDSU).
- APS Voted and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY! ACOP will finalize this during the Annual Joint COPS Summer Meeting (July 2017) in time for 2018.
- APPLAUSE!

D. Policy Board Replacement Needed to Replace current Alternate, Cameron Faustman (Univ. Connecticut).

- By April 2017, APS has to provide two names to the Board so that they can pick one. It is a two-year rotation. Meet during Annual Meeting, late March/April, and Joint COPS meetings. Also mentioned that the APS Alternate should attend ACOP and during Annual Winter Meeting.
- Elaine Turner (UF) is current APS Rep on Board. In practice, we normally move the “Alternate” to “Active,” so it is about a four-year commitment across the two positions.
- APS nominated Anne Veeger (URI) and David Buchanan (NDSU).

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- Todd Winters (UT Martin) is the contact person for APS.

F. Discussion on the Reserve APS Budget, led by Cynda Clary (OSU) & Don Boggs (KSU):

- Use approx. \$100,000 of Reserve over a three-year span:
 - Travel Grants (n=10 annually at \$1,500 each, for total of \$15,000/yr).
 - USDA Teaching Awards Panel at NACTA (n=4 annually at \$2,500 each, for a total of \$10,000/yr).
- We would revisit the aforementioned grants in three years.
- Any follow-up we may have/plan to the 2016 NAS Workshop (\$8,000/yr for APS).
- Unexpected needs and opportunities during our APS Meetings.
- Ann Veeger (URI) asked: “have we lost the opportunity to make the APS website one that could store Excellence in Teaching Award recipients and their recommendations?” Archive if colleges produce it for all winners, YouTube Channel, etc.”
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G. APS Staff Development Workshop, University of Nevada, Reno on May 22 - 24, 2017, David Shintani (UN-Reno):

Draft Agenda Proposed. Additional topics and items can be sent to David.

H. 63rd Annual NACTA Conference to be hosted by Purdue University, June 28 – July1, 2017, Dennis Buckmaster (Purdue).

I. Approval of APS Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2016: Approved.

Minutes respectfully completed & submitted, July 5, 2017: J. Marcos Fernandez
APS Secretary