Board on Agriculture Assembly
Academic Programs Section Report to the Policy Board of Directors

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(Please check the BAA-PBD Goals that each activity directly addresses.)

BAA Section Activities (Briefly describe activities since previous reporting period)	**Emerging Issues and Future Directions**	**Resource Advocacy**	**Farm Bill and Legislative Action**	**System Integration**
National Academic Programs Staff Development Workshop - APS is hosting a Staff Development Workshop for Academic Programs Staff from across the nation to be held at The Ohio State University in May 2015. This workshop will address topics including (but not limited to) student recruitment and retention; ambassador programs; First Year Experience (FYE); study abroad; undergraduate research and honors; multicultural student services; career development; alumni relations; and branding and marketing.	X			X
Annual APS/NARRU Workshop – Held on March 6-7, 2015 in Washington, DC ▪ **USDA Employment Outlook Report 2015-20** The USDA Employment Outlook Report 2015-20 Team discussed this study; the report is scheduled to be released in summer, and will replace the current edition of the oft-cited "Employment Opportunities for College Graduates in Food, Renewable Energy, and the Environment- United States, 2010-2015" ▪ **Envisioning the Future: Review of the Food and Agricultural Education Information System** FAEIS has been compiling nationwide higher education data for the life, food, veterinary, human, natural resource, and agricultural sciences since 1983. This session examined information collected and engaged APS in a discussion of ways FAEIS can serve emerging needs in the future. ▪ **National Research Council Discussion - Workforce Pipeline for Food & Agriculture** Presented by Norm Scott and Robin Schoen of the NRC's Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources, this session examined the wide range of positions in the public and private sectors for food and agriculture needed in the future. Developing a workforce with the educational experience and skill set to match the diversity of positions is the collective responsibility of educators, employers, professional societies, and other stakeholders; this session focused on the associated challenges and the need to periodically examine our efforts to meet these emerging demands.	X			X
Higher Education Initiatives - Continued support of Higher Education initiatives, including teaching awards program and advocating for the inclusion of education objectives in NIFA/AFRI RFAs.	X	X		X
Leadership Development - APS has continues to support LEAD21 (two members serving on the Board of Directors); APS has also been supportive of the Foods Systems Leadership Institute (FSLI) and has encouraged institutional participation in both programs.	X			X

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FAEIS - APS strongly supports the need for reliable data regarding students enrolled in majors related to agriculture, natural resources and related sciences. Currently, data relative to enrollment, degrees awarded, faculty, student placement and other information are collected by the Food and Agricultural Education Information System (FAEIS). Data are important in evaluating trends and identifying emerging areas of study.	X	X		X
APS Re-Envisioning - APS conducted a re-envisioning/strategic planning day-long session in Orlando, FL following the APLU Annual Meeting in November 2014. The summary was distributed to the APS membership, actions teams identified, and a timeline established for completion of this comprehensive plan.	X	X	X	X