

## North Central Regional Meeting

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### AGENDA

- I. Introductions – all
- II. APLU Announcements – Wendy
  - a. [National Teaching Workshop: Communicating Teaching Impact and Effectiveness](#) on Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:00pm ET
  - b. [New Administrators Orientation](#) from February 8-10<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-5pm ET each day
    - This event is intended for individuals on the Board on Agriculture Assembly and their supporting Administrators or Faculty, who have entered an administrative position since 2019; USDA-NIFA Personnel who are interested; and any others who would like to learn more about APLU, the Land-Grant University System, the BAA, and USDA. Information presented will be particularly useful to Administrative Heads, Directors, Associate/Assistant Directors, and USDA-NIFA National Program Leaders and Administrators. This event has a registration fee of \$25.00 which will cover the sessions for all three days.
  - c. [National Teaching Workshop: Sharing Effective Practices](#) on February 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:30pm ET
  - d. [National Teaching Workshop: Advice for Early Career](#) on February 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:00pm ET
  - e. APS/NARRU Winter Meeting – moving to virtual, updates to come
    - Registration is coming soon.
    - March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1-5:30pm ET: We will have various course sharing platforms join for a presentation on their online course sharing technologies.
    - March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2-5pm ET: Opportunity to discuss with APS colleagues the course sharing platforms that were presented and their benefits/challenges.
  - f. [Innovative Teaching Awards](#) – applications are now open, due by April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - g. [USDA Teaching Award](#) applications due by March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- III. Campus Updates – all
  - Members discussed updated COVID guidelines on campus, including: mask mandates, vaccination status, in-person and online instruction. There have been periodic cases of COVID-19 on-campus but have come back down overtime. Study abroad programs are beginning to come back to campuses.
  - Mental health has become a major topic for faculty, staff, and students.
  - Engagement, retention, and morale have decreased across institutions. Colleges are seeing these issues among junior and senior students, as well as a spike in student probationary status on some campuses.

IV. Topics from NC Regional Chair/Members

- *Does anyone have online course sharing currently?* Several programs are using Ag\*IDEA. Some common challenges include: tuition and policy based challenges at the institutions that do not align with current infrastructure.
- Looking into other opportunities, and how to share across system campuses. Accreditation, tuition levels across different institutions present some challenges. Exploring non-degree programs and online credential/certificate courses.
- **Next steps:** Pass around a spreadsheet of each institution's course sharing status. Create a support system for faculty, staff, and student to address mental health issues.

See the full APLU Calendar [here](#).