

Northeast Regional APLU Academic Programs Section Meeting

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Join Zoom Meeting:

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Participants:

Sandy Bushmich, *NE Regional Chair*, University of Connecticut

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Joe Sullivan, University of Maryland

Don Viands, Cornell University

Jurgen Schwarz, University of Maryland Eastern Shore

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Kim Barnes, West Virginia University

George Criner, University of Maine

Calvin Keeler, University of Delaware

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Laura Lawson, Rutgers University

Kim Babbitt, University of New Hampshire

Agenda

- Welcome and Brief Introductions
- APS Winter Meeting 2021: Who attended, comments and discussion
 - Peer Coaching Session 2 coming up on May 5th
 - DEI Session
 - APS/APLU Advocacy for 2021
- Regional Course Collaboration Discussion: Joe Sullivan
 - Joe Sullivan gave a presentation regarding course collaboration across universities
 - Discussed this as a group. Members see value in doing this for smaller majors (ex. Dairy, forest technology) that do not have many students, but are also vital to the college.
 - **Action Item:** Develop a “Course sharing wishlist,” start with need-based programs at each college and share among the group.
- Open Discussion: *Things that have gone well in the pandemic year, Current key concerns at your institutions, Plans for fall instruction at your institutions, Other?*
 - Cornell would like to be as normal as possible for the fall, in-person and on-campus. Some pushback from faculty and staff about in-person and on-campus teaching.
 - University of New Hampshire is open for the fall, however depending on CDC guidelines the classroom densities may be lower. The university does not plan to change modalities until after students register. The faculty generally do not like the hybrid classes, and the freshmen want a face-to-face experience.
 - Delaware hopes to maximize face-to-face. However, this will depend on state social distancing guidelines.
 - Maine will be going back to normal in the fall with a slight increase going online.
 - Universities are organizing separate commencement ceremonies for each college.
 - Experiencing some broadband issues for students and faculty.