

## Southern Academic Program Section Meeting

### MINUTES

February 22, 2021

1:00 – 2:30 pm EST / 12:00 – 1:30 CST

<https://zoom.us/j/93215162616?pwd=NTFPOWILTzMxenVLQzFiWXdzWlJlQT09>

Attending: Scott Willard, John Stier, Amy Wright, Joe Broder, Susan Sumner, Ralph Noble, John Dole, Kirk Pomper, Carmen Agouridis, Wendy Fink, Elaine Turner, Lona Robertson, Jean Bertrand, Caula Beyl, M. Ray McKinnie, Nina Bennett, Usman Adamu, Cynda Clary, Ralph Noble, Ramble Ankumah, Deacue Fields, Tara Westington

Scott Willard welcomed the group.

#### APLU/APS Updates

USDA Teaching Awards due March 15

APS Innovative Teaching award nominations due April 3. 2<sup>nd</sup> opportunity is October.

[APL Innovative Teaching Awards \(aplu.org\)](https://www.aplu.org)

March 8: APS Winter mtg

2-3 pm: Business mtg---focus: Advocacy

3-5 pm: Peer coaching session. Work in groups of 4 next 6-12 months

March 9

3-5 pm: DEI session-- "Together We Grow" consortium.

#### APLU & NARRU Requests for NIFA Education Funding

- Seeking \$2 mill additional for 1890 Institution Educational Grants (from \$26 mill to \$28 mill)
- Seeking \$1 mill increase for multicultural scholars/grad fellows/institution challenge grants program (from \$9.5 to \$10.5 mill)

Texas A&M will host a 2022 Southern Meeting with Agric. Expt. Sta. and Extension during spring. Eric Young will coordinate. Topics of overlapping interests are being requested – forward those to Scott Willard. Topics we discussed were 1) Recruitment of diverse faculty, 2) Mentoring of all students and faculty, 3) Non-credit courses (academic vs Extension; use of content across both lines) and conversion to academic certificates, 4) Low and under-enrolled programs –partnering with industry to offer programs to their employees, 5) Advancement and philanthropy—donors want their money to solve issues of their own interest, 6) International student recruitment

Southern APS will meet in early April to discuss online teaching training geared for workforce development and how it integrates with academic credentials.

Agreed to post charter, upcoming and past meetings, meeting minutes, leadership information, membership information, and regional information on the Southern APS webpage:

<https://www.aplu.org/members/commissions/food-environment-and-renewable-resources/board-on-agriculture-assembly/academic-programs-section/aps-regions.html>

Determined the APS Directory page and links should link to each member's institutional page. Currently they often link to a single member's profile. Send Tara correct link for each college. Due to privacy rules, cannot post member contact information. <https://www.aplu.org/members/commissions/food-environment-and-renewable-resources/board-on-agriculture-assembly/academic-programs-section/APS-Directory>

Discussed role of remote learning and/or hybrid courses for the future.

### **Announcement**

APLU meeting for fall may or may not be in person.

Adjourned 2:24 pm