

MINUTES

Southern Academic Program Section Meeting

Friday July 1, 2021

1:00 – 2:00 pm EST / 12:00 – 1:00 pm CST

Attending: Scott Willard, John Stier, Jean Bertrand, Tara Westinghouse (APLU), Renita Marshall, Josef Broder, Amy Wright, John Dole, Cynda Clary, Elaine Turner, Ralph Noble, Lona Robertson, Carmen Agouridis

Minutes from 16 April 2021 were approved as posted

Updates from APLU/Wendy Fink

- USDA Teaching Awards likely to open to no limits from a college, for example will be able to nominate both a regional and a national nominee.
- Agricultural appropriations for education-7 of the 11 lines related to education saw markup. Multicultural scholars did not get an increase, went to other programs in the section. Unlikely to get an increase in FY23 as section will be operating at maximal funding approval. Increase in Farm Bill appropriations would be needed before any increase could be sought.
- Members asked to send updates to webpages to Tara.
- John Stier will be the APS representative to the Board on Agriculture Assembly for a climate change initiative

APS Staff Training Event

Decided tentative date of spring (May) 2023. APLU needs sufficient lead in time to plan. Start thinking about topics and layout. Wendy has suggestions from last meeting. Bring to attention at next national meeting for discussion.

Discussed non-degree credentials

A set of draft survey questions will be posted to a Google shared drive by Stier for members to revise. The survey will then be sent to the group for answering. **Base questions are:**

- What types of non-degree credentials does your college have?
- Why were these programs developed? Purpose? Market Need?
- What are the participant costs of each program?
- Do you have affiliated credentialing programs or stackable credentials you are developing that you want to share with the group?

Topics for next meetings

- Types of new staff or administrative positions or duties being developed at each College or University Level
- Advising models using professional staff in lieu of, or in concert with, faculty advisors

Determined to have 1-2 meetings prior to the national APLU conference

Adjourned 2:00 pm

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