

**The APLU and its Council on  
Research: An Extraordinary  
*Community* for Driving Positive  
Change**

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# What is APLU?

- **Research and advocacy organization** of public research universities, land-grant institutions, and state university systems.
- **Excellence** in learning, discovery and engagement.
- APLU often teams and liaises with other organizations (e.g., **AAU, COGR, NORDP**) on advocacy issues

## APLU Morning News Scan -- June 25, 2015

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### June 25, 2015

- Inside Higher Ed: [Ratings Without ... Rating](#)
- USA Today: [Universities follow athletics' lead in bundling sponsorships](#)
- CNBC: [This is why state colleges cost so much](#)
- Science: [Senate panel approves \\$2 billion raise for NIH in 2016](#)
- Washington Examiner: [Congress pursues major funding boost to NIH](#)
- The Hill: [Boost NIH funding](#)
- The Chronicle of Higher Education: [Removing Confederate Symbols Is a Step, but Changing a Campus Culture Can Take Years](#)
- Rolling Stone: [6 Ways Campus Cops Are Becoming More Like Regular Police](#)
- The New York Times: [Health Panel Recommends Cautious Approach to Meningitis B Vaccine](#)
- Lawrence Journal-World: [KU nabs distinction from Association of Public and Land-grant Universities](#) \*
- Phoenix Business Journal: [UA recognized as an Innovation, Economic Prosperity University](#) \*
- The Courier-Journal: [U of L honors Jewish Fund, lawyer Glasscock](#) \*

[Land-grant Universities](#)

# By the Numbers

- **238 Members**
  - 209 public and research universities
    - 75 land-grant universities
    - 23 historically black colleges and universities
    - 8 Canadian universities
    - 5 Mexican universities
  - 24 state university **systems**
  - 5 related organizations

# By the Numbers

## **APLU member campuses:**

- Enroll 4.7 million undergraduates
- Enroll 1.2 million graduate students
- Award over 1.2 million degrees
- Employ over 1.4 million faculty and staff
- Conduct more than \$42.7 billion in university-based research

# Organization

- Board of Directors
- President: Peter McPherson
- Vice Presidents
  - Academic Affairs
  - Access and Success: The Advancement of Public Black Universities and Hispanic Serving Institutions
  - Congressional & Governmental Affairs
  - Finance
  - Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Programs
  - International Programs
  - Public Affairs
  - **Research, Innovation and STEM Policy**
  - Student Affairs
  - Urban Initiatives

# Initiatives

*NOTE: This is not an exhaustive list*

- Access & Diversity
- Accountability & Transparency
- Agriculture, Human Sciences & Natural Resources
- College Costs, Tuition & Financial Aid
- Degree Completion
- Economic Development & Community Engagement
- International Programs
- Learning With Technology
- Research, Science & Technology
- STEM Education
- Urban Initiatives

# Organization: Councils

## Ten (Standing) Councils

- 1890 Universities
- Presidents
- Presidents' and Chancellors' Spouses/Partners
- Academic Affairs
- Business Affairs
- Engagement and Outreach
- Governmental Affairs
- **Research (formerly Council on Research Policy and Graduate Education)**
- Strategic Communications
- Student Affairs



# Organization: Commissions

## Six (Multi-Council/Topic) Commissions

- Access, Diversity, and Excellence
- Food, Environment, and Renewable Resources
- Innovation, Competitiveness, and Economic Prosperity
- International Initiatives
- Science and Mathematics Teacher Imperative
- Coalition of Urban Serving Universities

# My Personal Observations of CoR

- **Learn** from one another and **help** one another – a safe space to share challenges and ideas among trusted friends
- **Piloting** big notions that we can then all **adapt** to our own organizations (Hill fellows, leadership academies, research development)
- Define our unique/varied role and share ideas to **drive positive change** in our institutions
- Ensure we are more than administrators but also **mentor** faculty & **shape research directions** on our campuses
- Develop the **next generation** of VPRs/VCRs by gathering input from a broad group of people
- A one-voice approach to **critical national issues**