

**Board on Agriculture Assembly  
Academic Programs Section Report to the Policy Board of Directors**

**PBD Member – Elaine Turner**

**Reporting Period April 2016 – July 2016**

**Section Chair – Susan Sumner**

(Please check the BAA-PBD Goals that each activity directly addresses.)

<b>BAA Section Activities</b> (Briefly describe activities since previous reporting period)	<b>Emerging Issues and Future Directions</b>	<b>Resource Advocacy</b>	<b>Farm Bill and Legislative Action</b>	<b>System Integration</b>
<b>Higher Education Initiatives</b> - Continued support of Higher Education initiatives, including teaching awards program and advocating for Higher Education Challenge grants program.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Leadership Development</b> - APS continues to support LEAD21 (two members serving on the Board of Directors); APS has also been supportive of the Foods Systems Leadership Institute (FSLI) and has encouraged institutional participation in both programs.	<b>X</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>FAEIS</b> - APS strongly supports the need for reliable data regarding students enrolled in majors related to agriculture, natural resources and related sciences. Currently, data relative to enrollment, degrees awarded, faculty, student placement and other information are collected by the Food and Agricultural Education Information System (FAEIS). Data are important in evaluating trends and identifying emerging areas of study.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>APS and Diversity</b> – APS is focusing much more on diversity issues around food, agriculture, and a natural resources faculty and students. Following the APS winter workshop a preliminary proposal was submitted to the NSF INCLUDES RFP. The proposal was not funded, but APS will continue to explore avenues for delivering intensive inclusion training to leaders in colleges of agriculture.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>APS at National Meetings</b> - APS leadership and institutions were well-represented at the annual NACTA conference held in July in Honolulu, HI. A USDA-sponsored workshop “Boosting Student Enrollment: Successful Recruitment Courses in Food and Agricultural Sciences featured a recent USDA National Teaching Award winner.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		