

APS

North Central Region: Winter Meeting

Minutes

March 5, 2009

Attending: David Acker, Don Boggs, Allan Goecker, Laurie Kramer, Dale Whitaker

1. Discussed the impact that the economic crisis is having at our institutions. Among several concerns, members were most disturbed about:
 - a. declining funds for student scholarships.
 - b. whether campuses will be able to maintain the capacity to facilitate experiential learning, field and lab experiences (particularly if formula funds disappear)
2. NACTA meeting plans: On Wednesday June 17th, from 8:30-11:30 the Southern Region Academic Deans will meet for their summer workshop. Discussion may center on determining action steps related to white paper. Academic Deans from the North Central Region are invited to attend, or may send representatives.
3. Mini-Land Grant Conference will be held July 13-15 at Wooster Ohio (Ohio State's Agricultural unit).
4. Discussed differential tuition policies and practices regarding the setting of course fees at the different institutions.
5. A question was raised about why this winter meeting for APS is scheduled for after the CARET delegates leave Washington. Opportunities for interacting with these delegates, and joining them on their visits to the Hill, are lost.
6. Discussed plans for the next staff workshop, to be scheduled in 2010. A collaboration with the Southern Region is again possible.

Action: Laurie will contact Eunice Foster, Michigan State, to determine if MSU would like to host this workshop in 2010. If MSU is not able to host, we may wish to consider setting the workshop in Kansas City, Missouri, or Chicago.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.