

**North Central Region  
Academic Programs Section Meeting**  
Washington, D.C.  
November 13, 2005

**Attending:**

David Acker, Iowa State  
Wayne Banwart, Univ. of Illinois  
Eunice Foster, Michigan State Univ.  
L. H. Newcomb, The Ohio State Univ.  
Jim Venette, North Dakota State Univ.  
Steve Waller (Chair), Univ. of Nebraska  
Dale Whittaker (Secty), Purdue University

**Unable to Attend:**

Richard Barrows, Univ. of Wisconsin  
Don Boggs, Kansas State Univ.  
Ann Hill Duin, Univ. of Minn.  
Don Marshall, South Dakota State Univ.  
Gary Minish, Southern Illinois Univ.  
Paul R. Vaughn, Univ. of Missouri

**Guests:**

Tim Mack, Virginia Tech, FAEIS Principal Investigator  
Jeff Gilmore, USDA, Director of Higher Education Programs  
Craig Beyrouy, Purdue Univ., Food Systems Leadership Institute Participant  
Ken Grafton, Dean, Director of Agric. Exper. Station, North Dakota State Univ.

*Proposed agenda (distributed in advance of the meeting):*

- Approval of Minutes from July 2005
- Election of Chair-elect/secretary
- Planning for the 2006 “Administrative” workshop to be held at Purdue University May 18-19
- Regional Teaching Award
- Academic summit progress
- Impact Statements for Academic Programs
- State updates (no written reports anticipated)
- Regional web site announcement ([www.casnr.unl.edu/aps](http://www.casnr.unl.edu/aps))
- Announcement of the UNL/CASNR Image Study
- Additional Items

The meeting was called to order by chair Steven S. Waller (University of Nebraska, Lincoln).

*Minutes – July 14, 2004:*

**MOTION** (Dale Whittaker, Purdue University) to approve minutes as distributed electronically. Seconded (David Acker, Iowa State University). Approved.

*Election of Chair-elect/Secretary:*

**MOTION** (David Acker, Iowa State University) to nominate Don Marshall (South Dakota State University). Seconded (Dale Whittaker, Purdue University). No further nominations. Approved by consensus.

*FAEIS report by Tim Mack:*

Dr. Mack handed out an executive summary of a comprehensive evaluation of FAEIS conducted in the spring of 2005 (Attachment 1). He also handed out a document highlighting 2004 baccalaureate enrollments, degrees awarded and job placement (Attachment 2).

*Planning for the Administrative workshop summer 2006 at Purdue University:*

Dale Whittaker handed out a packet of advance information on the Academic Leadership Workshop (Attachment 3).

Summary: Begins 8am on May 18 through noon on May 19. Academic programs and student services staff should attend to meet with their colleagues from across the NCR.

Discussion: Focus the workshop on Recruiting and Retention to support the goals of the NAS Academic Summit. Begin by setting the stage with 2-3 invited talks including Steve Waller on the UNL Image of Agriculture study and Dale Whittaker with the Trends in Academic Programs in Colleges of Agriculture presentation.

Whittaker recommended a speaker from STAMATS, a private firm focused on market characterization for the student/parent shopping for colleges.

Jeff Gilmore invited Whittaker to submit a request to USDA for support of the workshop. Whittaker was asked to send a survey to NCR APS members to canvas interest in subjects and to estimate numbers.

Foster recommended that articulation with community colleges and high schools be added as a topic.

All members agreed to have material to you in electronic format by **April 21, 2006** to allow you to prepare the notebook in advance.

*Regional Teaching Award:*

Discussion: Steve Waller raised the question of recognizing the excellent nominees for who are not selected to receive the Regional or National USDA Teaching Award. He suggested certificates for all nominees. Jim Venette (North Dakota State University) suggested a standards-based North Central Teaching Academy.

**MOTION** by L. H. Newcomb (Ohio State University): Award certificates to all “worthy” nominees as defined by Waller and a committee of his choice in May. Approved.

*Academic Summit:*

**NOTE to the minutes:** A concern was voiced by the group to retain a focus on Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource students and careers.

*Impact Statements for Academic Programs:*

Jim Venette issued a plea for everyone to enter impact statements related to teaching and learning into the USDA database and, specifically, to provide anecdotes.

*Regional Web Site Announcement:*

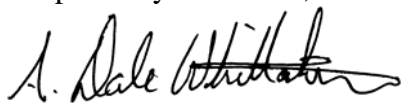
Chair Waller announced that the NCR-APS official website ([www.casnr.unl.edu/aps](http://www.casnr.unl.edu/aps)) is up and running. Members are encouraged to utilize it as a resource and a place for posting information.

There was not enough time for state reports, so a reminder was made by chair Waller that written state reports would be submitted/shared at the Mini-Land Grant meeting in July 10.

An updated directory of the NCR APS Deans and Directors (2005-06) is attached (Attachment 4).

The meeting was adjourned by chair Waller.

Respectfully submitted,



A. Dale Whittaker, Chair-elect/Secretary