

Summer Meeting
North Central Academic Programs Section
North Central Land Grant Meeting
West Conference Room, Illini Center
Chicago, Illinois
July 14, 2004

Attending

Jim Venette (Chair), North Dakota State University
Steve Waller (Secretary), University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Paul Vaughn, University of Missouri
Bob Arthur, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Larry Erpelding, Kansas State University
Eric Hoiberg, Iowa State University
Dale Whittaker, Purdue University
Richard Barrows, University of Wisconsin
Eunice Foster, Michigan State University
Don Marshall, South Dakota State University

Unable to Attend

L.H. Newcomb, Ohio State University
Kirby Barrick, University of Illinois
Ann Hill Duin, University of Minnesota

Guest:

David Acker, Iowa State University

Introductions: Chairman Venette called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and introductions were made. Eric Hoiberg will be retiring at the end of the fall semester and David Acker will assume a new position on January 1 which integrates his current position as Dean of International Studies with the position of Associate Dean for Academic Programs.

Agenda: The agenda was approved as distributed with the following additions: alumni relations, food and human health issues and our role in enhancing research and education, and urban programming for academic programs.

Minutes - November 16, 2003:

MOTION: To approve the minutes as previously distributed electronically. Seconded.
Approved.

State Reports:

State reports were presented. Copies of handout materials are available from the chair/secretary. Not all state reports included handout material. A summary of all of the state reports will be provided at a later date.

Review of the 2004 NC Teaching Workshop

The workshop hosted by the University of Wisconsin was very successful and received very high evaluations. This meeting was for the administrators and their academic program staff. The consensus was to hold this meeting every second (or third) year. It should be held on a campus. The meeting schedule should allow breakouts of specific functional groups (e.g. Career Services). In the years this meeting format is used, the 'administrator' workshop will be held in lieu of the teaching improvement workshop for faculty.

VIP is requesting electronic versions of the material distributed at the Workshop to be included on a teaching workshop website.

Academic Summit Planning

A bookmark was distributed which is a promotional piece for the summit entitled '*Opportunities for Academic Leadership - Preparing Society ready Graduates*'. The Summit will be held in Washington, February 27-March 1. Regional teaching workshops held in 2005 should focus on topics of the summit:

- heighten awareness of a changing multi-cultural student clientele;
- reshape curricula for a changing agricultural system;
- emphasize student centered learning; and
- develop clear agendas for action to effect sustainable change.

Planning the 2005 Teaching Conference

Kansas State University will host the 2005 North Central Teaching Workshop in Manhattan. The tentative date is May 23-25. This workshop will have a faculty focus and address several of the summit topics, particularly student centered learning. The *Agronomy Learning Farm* is a possible focus for the workshop.

Teaching Awards Program

The North Central Region continues to have adequate nominations; however, the number of nominations were down nationally. This has been a trend. The screening committee this year made several recommendations to improve the program. The nominators and nominees should receive feedback on their submission. The at-large category should be enlarged and regional recipients could be reduced to one per region. These suggestions were unanimously supported by the North Central APS.

Impact Statements

A handout of the 2004 Science and Education Impact National Summaries was distributed (CSREES website). Each member was encouraged to review these and provide Jim Venette with additional academic impacts prior to the joint meeting of the COP's July 25-27.

BAA Survey on Structure

Everyone was encouraged to complete the survey. Each of the members have been contacted and have the web address to access the survey. It requires about 10 minutes to complete. The policy board is very interested in receiving input on the organizational changes.

Engagement Progress (BAA Progress Check)

Each member was encouraged to complete the engagement survey (seven part test) located on the NASULGC website (www.nasulgc.org). Click on the Kellogg Commission on the NASULGC homepage and then scroll down to **Reports and Publication**. Click on the sixth bullet - ***Returning to Our Roots--The Engaged Institution***. The seven-part test is on page 12. APS members should respond on behalf of the academic programs and send their response to Jim prior to the Joint COP's meeting July 25-27.

ICA/NASULGC and Student International Experience

Dues are paid by country and NASULGC has paid for us. Individual chapters can be established at our campuses.

FAEIS

While most were pleased with the process, there was difficulty in the FAEIS system being able to upload an institutions entire data set. This required additional entry effort at the institution. The data on student salary remains an issue, especially for those fields with a limited number of graduates (data is no longer anonymous). Larger aggregates should be considered.

Alumni Relations

The organization and structure of Alumni Relations varied greatly among institutions. Some were housed in the College, some were joint with career services and some colleges relied on campus-wide offices for support.

Food and Human Health Issues - Research and Education

Members were encouraged to reflect on 'gaps' in food and human health issues as they relate to research and education needs. This will be a priority in a future federal grant program. Members indicated that training grants in this (or any other area) should provide for more than the assistantship. Operating funds are essential.

Urban Programming for Academic Programs

Time did not allow discussion of this topic; however, it was the theme of the land grant meeting and members were encouraged to attend all of the sessions.

Adjourned: 12:25 PM

Future Meetings - Informational

Joint COP's Meeting, Orlando, FL, July 25-27, 2004

NASULGC Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 14-16, 2004

APS/AASCARR Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C., last week of February, 2005

NC Teaching Conference, Manhattan, KS; May 23-25 (tentative), 2005

NC Land Grant meeting, Manhattan, KS: July (TBA), 2005

Academic Summit, Washington, DC, February 27-March 1, 2006

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