

November Meeting
North Central Academic Programs Section
NASULGC 117th Annual Meeting
San Diego Marriott
San Diego, California
November 15, 2004

Attending

Jim Venette (Chair), North Dakota State University
Steve Waller (Chair-Elect/Secretary), University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Paul Vaughn, University of Missouri
Bob Arthur, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Larry Erpelding, Kansas State University
Kirby Barrick, University of Illinois
Dale Whittaker, Purdue University

Unable to Attend

Eric Hoiberg, Iowa State University
L.H. Newcomb, Ohio State University
Ann Hill Duin, University of Minnesota
Richard Barrows, University of Wisconsin
Eunice Foster, Michigan State University
Don Marshall, South Dakota State University

Guests:

Susan Fritz, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Bobby Torres, University of Missouri
Rob Terry, University of Missouri

Introductions: Chairman Venette called the breakfast meeting to order at 7:45 AM. Introductions were made. Dr. Susan Fritz was recently appointed as an Associate Dean, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Drs. Bobby Torres and Rob Terry are participating in the ESCOP/ACOP Leadership Program representing the University of Missouri. There was no time during the NASULGC provided for regional meetings leading to a breakfast meeting of those in attendance. Due to other commitments, Eric Hoiberg was unable to meet at this time.

Agenda: The agenda was distributed electronically and approved as distributed:

- Election of Chair-Elect/Secretary
- Summer Teaching Workshop/Academic Summit
- Impact Statements for Academic Programs
- State Comments/Notices
- Additional Items

Minutes - July 14, 2004:

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

Selection of Chair-Elect/Secretary:

Dale Whittaker was nominated and agreed to serve if elected.

MOTION: To close nominations. Seconded. Approved.

MOTION: To cast a unanimous ballot for Dale Whittaker. Seconded. Approved.

Summer Teaching Workshop/Academic Summit - 2005

Kansas State University will host the 2005 North Central Teaching Workshop in Manhattan, May 23-25. This workshop will have a faculty focus and address several of the summit topics, particularly experiential learning (service learning, internships, undergraduate research, study abroad). Issues include how is credit awarded, how is learning assessed. Larry hopes to involve past USDA teaching award recipients in the program. If the papers for the workshop are available on-line, there is a \$3,500 grant that is possible. Members are encouraged to suggest keynote speakers for the workshop.

The summit entitled '*Opportunities for Academic Leadership - Preparing Society ready Graduates*'. The Summit will be held in Washington, February 27-March 1. Topics of the summit include:

- 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.

Members are encouraged to respond to the e-mail from Karen Kubena requesting input on professional societies that could contribute to the Academic Summit.

Impact Statements

A handout entitled Hot Topics for 2005 was distributed by Jim Venette (copies available from Jim). Each member was encouraged to review these and provide Jim with additional academic impacts. Dale offered that at Purdue University former students provide statements on impact of programs. Also, internal grants are not funded/renewed unless impact statements are provided for previously funded projects.

State/Institutional Reports:

Southern Illinois University - Bob Arthur's last day in the position will be December 23, 2004. Dr. Gary Minish will become the new Dean. Their enrollment is up for the first time in five years.

University of Missouri - The College has recently implemented a \$35.00/cr fee. The department offering the course receives \$25.00, the College receives \$3.00 and \$7.00 are placed in a scholarship fund for students with need. Enrollment is down slightly overall with greater declines in the natural resources area.

University of Illinois - Enrollment is up. The campus has a differential tuition rate across colleges.

Kansas State University - The enrollment is stable. Nineteen new positions at the assistant professor level were released as a result of the early retirement program. Nominations are encouraged for the Associate Dean position. Larry has announced his retirement effective next summer. The ESCOP/ACOP Leadership Development alumni is an excellent resource for names.

Purdue University - A new program that is being implemented for high schools includes modules in the *science of food*, the *science of animals* and the *science of plants*. Currently there are 316 faculty, up from 273 a few years ago, with a goal of 335. This compares to a high of 350 in 1995. They are also working on interdisciplinary degrees (environmental studies) and are pursuing a graduate level dual titles degree. A new proposed Center for Student Leadership Development targeting undergraduates is a joint effort with Illinois and Wisconsin.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln - The enrollment declined again this fall. Student recruitment and retention is the priority of the College. The faculty, clientele, alumni and students are discussing a name change for the College. The primary challenge is the inability to attract a wide array of students into an 'agriculture' college. Our traditional majors are declining while our 'non traditional' majors (eg. Biochemistry) are increasing, disproportionately more among 'urban' and students of color.

North Dakota State University - Enrollment was up by 103 students, primarily in programs that attract urban students. However, the high school population is declining in-state. They are in the process of filling a new position, Vice President of Agricultural Affairs and University Extension.

Teaching Awards Program

The program has been revised. There will be two national recipients, four regional recipients, four at-large regional recipients and a new category for faculty teaching within their first five years.

Closing Comments:

The members expressed their appreciation for the service that Jim Venette had provided. Additionally, the wonderful service that both Eric Hoiberg and Bob Arthur had provided the North Central Region APS was gratefully acknowledged.

Adjourned: 8:30 AM

Future Meetings - Informational

APS/AASCARR Winter Meeting, Washington, D.C., February 27-March 1, 2005

ICA/NASULGC Conference, Vienna, Austria; April 9-12, 2005
NC Teaching Conference, Manhattan, KS; May 23-25, 2005
NC Land Grant Meeting, Manhattan, KS; July 12-13, 2005
Joint COP's Meeting, Kansas City, MO; July 24-26, 2005
NASULGC 118th Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 13-15, 2005
Academic Summit, Washington, DC, February 27-March 1, 2006

North Central Representatives to ACOP: Chair and Chair-Elect/Secretary

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