

Academic Committee on Organization and Policy  
Winter Meeting  
Minutes  
February 26, 2006  
Washington, D.C.

**Welcome and introductions:** **Chairman Leon Slaughter** called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The following were in attendance: Leon Slaughter, Don Marshall, Tim Casey, Dale Whittaker, George Cooper, Larry Miller, Wes Holley, Jim Wangberg, Kirby Barrick, John Foltz, Dan Bartell, Ann Vail, Bill Hardy, Mike Mullin, Cameron Faustman, Ken Esbenshade, Mary Lewnes Albrecht, Amanda Murphy, Tim Mack, Dean Sutphin, and Paul Vaughn.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the November 12, 2005 meeting at the annual NASULGC meeting were approved. The minutes were distributed via Email and were in the meeting folders.

**Chairman's Report:** **Chairman Slaughter** reported on the FAEIS survey that was distributed to membership via Email and included in meeting folders. Report on the Partnership Working Group and the CSREES satisfaction survey was reviewed. There is concern for what the members are thinking specifically. This cannot be easily determined from the survey. **Larry Miller** said administrators gave low scores on leadership, communications and coordination. National Program Leaders will not have specific state assignments to help improve these areas of concern. More action items to come later.

**Executive Directors Report:** **Director, Ian Maw**, reviewed his written report and last "Occasional Friday Letter". Both were enclosed in the meeting folders. Changes at NASULGC were reviewed. Suzette Robinson will now serve as Director's administrative assistant. Amanda Murphy was introduced will serve as Ian's backup and can be contacted by members as needed. Ian then reviewed the APS budget, Leadership Summit progress, need and plans for a new APS brochure, CREATE-21 progress, and the CIP survey progress.

**Budget Advocacy Committee Report:** **Ian Maw** reported on behalf of David Cox. A written report was enclosed in the meeting folder. BAC has focused on CREATE-21. In a late development, BAC will not support the Presidents budget as presented. They want to delay the change in approach to funding until CREATE-21 is well developed and can be implemented to provide for a smooth transition to the "new" approach.

**CARET Report:** The new liaison to APS is Brenda Forman. She could not attend. She has been briefed by past CARET Liaison Marcia Hollingsworth.

**Policy Board of Directors:** Mary Albrecht, APS representative, reported the central focus of the Board has been CREATE-21 and how to approach alignment of CREATE-21 and the President's budget.

**FAEIS Update:** Tim Mack and Dean Sutphin offered a power-point presentation “FAEIS Assessment and Renewal” with updates since the 2005 NASULGC meeting. A three-year renewal of the FAEIS contract has been approved. Discussion of the current CIP surveys, how to improve FAEIS to meet the needs of all users, and next steps were productive. When the CIP survey is completed and compiled ACOP will work on next steps to identify and resolve issues. We are still in a discovery phase. FAEIS survey results can be obtained on the FAEIS Website. All institutions are urged to look at the past few years of undergraduate and graduate enrollment and provide input to correct data and/or fill in missing data.

**CSREES/SERD Report: George Cooper** reported on FAEIS, the teaching awards program and expansion of the fellowship program. Cooper referred to the President’s budget regarding the fellowship grants and the proposed increases. Masters degree candidates will be involved if the increase in funding is maintained. This will increase the institutional participation in this program. CSREES academic program brochures/handouts were made available to the members. Cooper highlighted the agro-security opportunities that may develop for academic programs. We need to help define academic areas and curricula available or proposed in this area so we will not be caught unprepared if this is funded. Cooper outlined CSREES funding of the Academic Summit. Jeff Gilmore is the program officer for the Summit. Cooper outlined changes in the Awards program and the “new Teacher” awards. This was very successful. We will also continue the face-to-face review of candidates as this is very helpful. He concluded with CSREES’s concern for the FAEIS survey and the need for participation to include 1890’s and 1994’s. The process must be efficient and beneficial to all concerned. Finally there is proposed an international dimension to FAEIS. More to come on this. Cooper reviewed a new India Knowledge Initiative which would include research, extension and instruction. This may not develop until 2008 as new funding is being sought. New program leader positions supporting 1890 and 1994 institutions will be announced shortly. Finally Cooper reminded members about intern opportunities for students within USDA and the longer term employment these opportunities temporary positions afford the participants.

**AASCARR Report: Dan Bartell** reported few new topics since our last meeting. AASCARR is concerned for the loss of scientists expected over the next five years due to retirements and the need for all to be engaged in filling the need. He presented a new organizational brochure. Finally he distributed a draft “capacity building grants’ proposal that he urged everyone to support.

**Summer Joint COP’s Meeting: Kirby Barrick** reported the summer meeting will be in Portland Oregon, July 24-26, 2006. The ½-day joint program will focus on international programs.

**LEAD-21: Ken Esbenshade** reported the application deadline for the second LEAD class (2006-2007) is April 1, 2006. The target is 75 or possibly a few more. Dates for next year’s program have been set. See the WEB Site for information ([www.fanning.uga.edu/LEAD21/](http://www.fanning.uga.edu/LEAD21/)). Graduation of the current class will be later this week

here in Washington, D.C. Ken also reported briefly on the FSLIC Program. Current participants from our group include Ken Esbenshade, Linda Martin, and George Cooper.

**CREATE-21:** APS Representative to the CREATE-21 committee, **Mike Mullin**, presented a February 20, 2006 power-point summary of progress on CREATE-21. This is available on [www.CREATE21.org](http://www.CREATE21.org) or via the NASULGC Web Site. Comments can be sent to Mike Mullin directly at the University of Kentucky.

**Leadership Summit:** Ed Miller and Ian Maw reported progress on the Academic Leadership Summit and the current status with the National Academies. The joint APS/AASCARR program will focus on the Summit. Robin Schoen and Adam Fagan will present a panel discussion with three prospective members of the Academy Board of Directors for the Summit. Feedback from the membership will be sought following short presentations from panel members.

**Old Business:** **Jim Wangberg** reminded regional chairs about funds available for regional workshops and the need to involve regional teaching award winners in workshop programs. An application is needed and Jim Wangberg is the contact point.

**New Business:** **Ken Esbenshade** asked about the NRC review of doctoral programs. Ian Maw will follow up.

**Announcements:** AHS/CARET reception at the M Street Hotel and Science on the Hill Tuesday evening.

Motion to adjourn passed at 4:30 P.M.

Respectively submitted:

Ed Miller, Secretary