

**North Central Region**  
**Academic Programs Section Summer Meeting**  
NC Land Grant Meeting, Fargo, ND  
July 10, 2006

**Attending:**

David Acker, Iowa State  
Wayne Banwart, Univ. of Illinois  
Don Boggs, Kansas State Univ.  
Susan Fritz, Univ. of Nebraska  
Don Marshall (Secretary/Chair-Elect), South Dakota State Univ.  
Jim Venette, North Dakota State Univ.  
Steve Waller, Univ. of Nebraska

**Unable to Attend:**

Richard Barrows, Univ. of Wisconsin  
Ann Hill Duin, Univ. of Minn.  
Paul Vaughn, Univ. of Missouri  
Eunice Foster, Michigan State Univ.  
Gary Minish, Southern Illinois Univ.  
L.H. Newcomb, The Ohio State Univ.  
Dale Whittaker (Chair), Purdue University

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The meeting was called to order by Secretary/Chair-Elect Don Marshall.

A motion to approve minutes from the February 2006 meeting as distributed electronically was approved.

The upcoming Academic Summit in Washington D.C. on October 3-5, 2006 was discussed. The question was raised whether the 2006 fall meeting of NC APS should be held during the summit rather than the traditional meeting time during the Annual NASULGC Meeting, which will be November 12-14, 2006, in Houston. However, no action was taken because of the uncertainty regarding invitations to the summit.

The annual NC regional teaching workshop was discussed. Everyone was supportive of continuing to alternate each year between a teaching workshop and a support staff workshop. The 2006 staff workshop was very well regarded by attendees, and appreciation to Dr. Whittaker and Purdue University was expressed. It was suggested that future workshops could perhaps build on some of the themes that arise from the Academic Summit. The 2007 NC teaching workshop will be at University of Nebraska-Lincoln on May 16-18. Transformational advising was suggested as a topic under consideration for the UNL workshop.

Each station presented a brief update on enrollment trends, new academic programs being implemented or considered, distance education, and other issues. A discussion then

followed regarding how each institution handles petitions for reinstatement of suspended students. Another discussion focused on college credit for high school students, including the Husker Horizons program at UNL. Recruitment and retention issues with transfer students and articulation agreements with community colleges and technical institutes were also presented. Another topic was how to better integrate Cooperative Extension in student recruitment activities.

Human resource needs for the rapidly growing biofuels and bio-processing industries were debated. It was noted that DOE was interested in partnering with universities in curriculum development. Funding opportunities for academic programming were discussed. Opportunities and issues with sharing courses and programs across institutions via distance delivery were presented. The infrastructure for distance education consortia offered by GPIDEA at KSU was described. It was suggested that GPIDEA might be able to assist in evaluating market demand for new programs under consideration, but for which demand is uncertain.

The meeting was adjourned by Secretary/Chair-Elect Marshall.