

Minutes: Western Academic Program Directors (WAPD) Business Meeting, June 21-23, 2004 held at the Hyatt Guam Regency Hotel, Tumon, Guam

Attendees: Members -- Dave Cox (University of Arizona), Roger Lewis (University of Nevada-Reno), Erik Fritzell (Oregon State University), Henry Taijeron (University of Guam).

Chair Fritzell called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM (Chamorro Daylight Time), June 21, 2004. Minutes of the last meeting were adopted without dissent.

Due to the anticipated low attendance, Fritzell earlier requested that institutional reports should be disseminated electronically via the mail list. Only 3 submissions have been received.

Annie King, UC-Davis, is now Secretary and Chair-elect.

Colorado State University has agreed to host the 2005 Regional Teaching Workshop. We will encourage them to engage the non-agriculture land grant dimensions, such as natural resources, in the planning and participation. We also especially seek active involvement of the 1994 land grants and the Hispanic-serving institutions in the region. We also agreed that we need to be more systematic about the 'institutional memory' within the organization – such as maintaining information about the teaching workshop host rotation. Dave Cox, with the help of Roger Lewis, agreed to generate an accurate historical list of workshop hosts by year. We proposed to formalize a "rotation" at the next WAPD meeting with a purpose to provide maximum lead time for potential host institutions.

We again discussed the need to generate more nominations for the National and Regional Teaching Awards. The Western Region provided 8 nominations from 7 institutions for this year's award. To maintain federal support for this excellent program we need to demonstrate broad interest in it.

The upcoming "Academic Summit" to be held in February 2005 was briefly discussed.

The use of our WAPD mailing list as a means to regularly communicate among members, and to share useful information was discussed. Ready access to information was especially valued by remote institutions. We agreed that each member should send to "the list" (w-apdirs@colostate.edu) a compilation of available degree programs, majors, and options at their institution. Fritzell agreed to do Oregon State as an initial example.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:15.

Subsequent to the formal meeting:

On June 22, 2004, Fritzell provided an update of WAPD activities at a joint meeting of WAAESD-WED-WAPD. He highlighted the teaching workshop, teaching awards, and the Academic Summit.

Western Regional Executive Mike Harrington visited with the WAPD group at breakfast on June 23 at 7:00 AM. He described his activities, including status of interactions with the Department of Energy. We continued conversations about collaboration among the land grant functions, including encouraging Extension and Experiment Station participation in the regional teaching workshops. The Western Region website is being overhauled and we discussed possible items for inclusion on that site. For example, we suggested that we could each member institution could list its available degree programs, majors and options – thus providing a centralized regional source for this information. Mike would appreciate further suggestions as they may arise.

Fritzell summarized Academic Program perspectives during the closing session. He complemented the hosts for including student presentations in meeting program.

Respectfully submitted,

Erik Fritzell, for Annie King, Secretary