

Western APS Meeting

Chicago, IL

November 10, 2008

Attendance: Charly Kinoshita (Univ. of Hawaii), Carol Condit (Univ. of Nevada, Reno), Jim Libbin (NMSU), Jim Wangberg (Univ. of Wyoming), Cary Green (Oregon State Univ.), Nancy Irlbeck (Colorado State Univ.), John Foltz (Univ. of Idaho)

Chair John Foltz called the meeting to order at 7 a.m.

1. Western APS Leadership — there was some confusion regarding leadership succession. The group determined that Nancy Irlbeck is chair-elect, and Carol Condit is secretary.
2. 2008 Western Region Teaching Symposium (WRTS) at NMSU — Jim Libbin reported that there were 75 registrants/attendees. Budget rollover should be about \$2,500.
3. 2009 WRTS at University of Nevada – Carol Condit reported that it will be held the 3rd week of September at Harvey's Hotel and Casino on Lake Tahoe. There will be some sessions for Academic Programs Staff. The website is done w/ Virginia Tech through a sub-contract from the University of Florida.
4. 2010 WRTS will be held at Oregon State Univ.
5. State reports:
 - a. Jim Wangberg (Wyoming) reported that undergraduate numbers are up slightly, grad student number are down a bit. Last year they had record undergraduate enrollment, and this year's undergrad class of 900 is another record. Jim reported that they are offering a new Bachelor of Applied Science degree. This was an initiative from the Community Colleges in Wyoming. 7 of them got together and helped Univ. of Wyoming put this together for students who received an Associate's Degree and want to get into management. It is a distance delivered program from the College of Ag. Univ. of Wyoming is putting together Jr./Sr. level courses on organizational management, etc. They have enrolled 30 students in the first year.
 - b. Jim Libbin (New Mexico) reported that enrollment is up 2%, and is an all time high, due in large part to effective recruiting – 1,600 total (including 400 in hotel/restaurant mgmt. and another 400 in FCS). The bad news is his recruiter just resigned last week. They are facing a flat budget. Jim indicated they are offering a complete distance ed program in hotel/restaurant mgmt.
 - c. Charly Kinoshita (Hawaii) reported that Hawaii requires a balanced budget for the state, which means spending will be down significantly, as the state's revised forecast is a decline of \$1 ½ billion in revenue. He did indicate that student credit hours appear to be constant for the College.

- d. Carol Condit (Nevada) reported that Univ. of Nevada is talking a 22% to 30% reduction in funds. Last year's enrollment in her college was 812, and is 936 this year, and they have an additional 150-160 graduate students. She also reported that her university has a 3.25 GPA admission requirement, which creates some recruiting challenges.
- e. Cary Green (Oregon State) indicated that undergrad enrollment is up 2% (1050 students, which includes 400 in Animal Science). They were down 85 students last year. Grad numbers are hurting. Their budget appears to be down 5-6%.
- f. Nancy Irlbeck (Colorado State) stated that numbers are flat, however they had their largest freshman class ever. Grad student numbers are up slightly. From a budget standpoint, they are looking at 1 ½%, 2 ½% and 5% rescission plans, with the 5% plan including removal of GTAs and RAs. They have 1200 undergrad students and 250 grad students. Dean Marc Johnson left and they hope to have a new Dean by this summer. Lee Sommers is interim Dean.
- g. John Foltz (Idaho) indicated that total student numbers are flat at 1126 (971 undergrad and 155 grad). Grad students are down 29, however their freshman class is the largest ever at 247, an increase of 27 from the previous year. Foltz indicated the College is instituting a new Dual Credit program in 4 departments – Ag. Ed, Ag Econ, Animal and Veterinary Sciences and Plant Science. He indicated his student affairs council is planning a corn maze for the fall of 2009, for fundraising and PR. They are also continuing their “Vandal Dogs and Dialog program – a combined alumni and recruiting event, to be held in 4 locations around the state this coming summer.