

## **Western Academic Program Section Meeting**

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

8:15-9:50 am and 10:30 am-Noon

Hotel Albuquerque, Weavers Room, Albuquerque, New Mexico

### 1. Introductions/institution updates

Brian Warnick (USU) - strategic enrollment plan and advising, 10% growth in Ag and second largest college at USU behind Education, hired new faculty in technology systems and outdoor product design and development programs, food science expanded to include chocolate science program, Ag-centric administration

Claus Tittiger (UN Reno) - Dean staying, dorm explosion

Kate Moots (Guam) - redesigning Computer Science program

Aufai Apulu Ropeti Areta (American Samoa) - Instructional program is growing, graduated 10 Ag majors last year (a record), internship students across the islands, one instructor and one coordinator, 4 associate degrees

Wendy Fink (APLU)

Richard Cavaletto (CalPoly SLO) - student numbers are good, hiring faculty, number of buildings underway, provost retired, DHs retiring in the near future, couple of AD positions available

Don Connors (NMSU) - 2 new DHs hired, post 2 new faculty positions posting, 3 positions will be announced soon, interviewing for experiment station director, more stability in leadership, building, new strategic plan

Tracy Dougher (Montana State) - strategic planning, advising commons, enveloping Technology Education and Cell Biology and Neuroscience,

None online

### 2. Nominations for chair-elect/secretary

-Claus Tittiger

### 3. Appreciation and recap of Monday's Workforce Development Workshop

Thank you to all who brought panelists and speakers on board, APLU for mini-land-grant grant.

Will develop white paper out of this and present at NACTA in Las Cruces next June.

Feedback:

- Follow up with Assessment and accreditation issues for transitioning from certificate, associates, and stackable credentials to a 4-year degree (Don Connor suggestion)
- Combination of panel and round table worked well
- Good information for issues we are grappling with right now
- Front-loading meeting with APS workshop increases visibility of APS issues
- Very pleased with attendance, over 50

### 4. Professional development opportunities for Academic Program directors

-Tracy's experience - encourages the APS mini-sabbatical program, \$2000 grant

-every other monthly meeting have a theme to share ideas and issues, advising a good topic to start with

discussion on advising models at our universities for the first topic

-attend FSLI (Richard recommendation), Lead 21

#### 5. NACTA 2020 – Las Cruces, NM

Plug for - focused on teaching, meeting in June, have a journal, awards program, judging conference, opportunities for networking, mix of 2 years and 4 years - large and small - many disciplines, a recharging conference

-APLU awards for innovative teaching (grants program) - needs more participation - contact Wendy Fink

-this coming year APS will host a pre-conference workshop, June 15 & 16 discussions around the Employability Skills Survey and getting the soft skills into the classroom along with the content

#### 6. White papers from Montana and Portland joint meetings – Penny, no report

#### 7. Wendy – APLU updates/employability survey

USDA teaching awards - review panel held, 38 applications this year for 12 awards, more changes coming this year to straighten out last year, recommending 2 of panelists stay on for the next year (for consistency), redoing the nomination form

-Western awards mirror the USDA awards, so we will need to make changes

-Florida plans to host a webinar again on completing the application

APS staffing - Wendy has no administrative staff at the moment, writing a job description for the next person that will be 100% instead of 50%, Doug is working on moving Wendy to 90% APS, 10% BAA political side of things

Strategic planning will be happening at APLU

APS staff workshop - in February, survey is coming on dates and content and numbers bringing, in Orlando - APS meeting will be held in conjunction with this meeting

Employability Skills Survey - read over drafts to be sure we are getting out APS's messaging, statistics explanation and graphics being revised, will be 5 webinars and 6 reports from this.

#### 8. Western Agenda Priorities Follow-up Discussion

Crosswalk would be helpful before starting in on surveying our curriculums Western Agenda, NIFA, Western Governor's Association, and NSDA (national state departments of ag), council of state governments, national council for state legislators - Brian will have conversation with Bret Hess about doing that

For next phone conversation, each institution indicates programs and curriculums in each of the priority areas of the new Western Agenda list - add numbers of students in each curriculum, Wendy will provide survey of CIP codes

#### 9. Western Region Teaching Awards

USDA western region low application numbers

Encourage faculty to apply for both USDA and W-APS awards

We will incorporate changes from ACOP and move forward with W-APS Award so that notification can go out in fall

#### 10. Meeting schedule for 2019-20

Start meetings in September

Calls September, October

Face-to-face in November in San Diego at APLU meeting (will Zoom in those that cannot attend)

Calls December, January

Face-to-face in February (this year special location and date) in Orlando at national APS winter meeting

Calls March, April, May

Face-to-face in June in California at joint Western region meeting

Phone conference Tuesdays at 4pm Mountain Time. Sept 3, Oct 1, (Nov 11 @ 7am), Dec 3, Jan 7, (Feb @?), March 3, April 7, May 5, (June 22 @?)

Will Zoom the meetings, with account from Bret

#### 11. Workshop ideas for 2020 WRJSM in California

-Workforce development part II as suggested by Don

-Pipeline of training to AES and CES

-Discussion in September meeting with Western Agenda priority alignment

-Curriculum collaborations - need a provost and deans involved - Frank Gayly at USU - what are the possibilities and the barriers? Great Plains folks on phone call to share barriers? Getting leaders involved for the exchange

#### 12. Election of chair-elect/secretary

Vote of acclamation to elect Claus Tittinger

Transition happens at this meeting

#### 13. Drafted White paper from Albuquerque meeting (this meeting), Brian and Tracy will work to complete draft and send for revisions to the group.