



**Board on Agricultural Assembly (BAA)  
Academic Programs Section (APS)  
Western Academic Programs Directors Meeting  
July 10, 2006**

**ATTENDANCE**

Bob Gough (Montana State Univ.), Jim Wangberg (Univ. of Wyoming), Dave Cox (Univ. of Arizona), Stella Coakley (Oregon State Univ.), George Cooper (USDA – CSREES), Ian Maw (NASULGC), Charly Kinoshita (Univ. of Hawaii), Nancy Irlbeck (Colorado State Univ.), Carol Condit (Univ. of Nevada, Reno), John Foltz (Univ. of Idaho)

Chair elect/Secretary Charly Kinoshita called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. in the absence of chair Wes Holley.

**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2005 MEETING**

The minutes of the November 13, 2005 meeting from the NASULGC meetings in Washington, D.C. were approved as distributed.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

John Foltz (Univ. of Idaho) volunteered and was elected Chair Elect/Secretary.

**INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS**

***Univ. of Wyoming – Jim Wangberg:*** Fall 2005 enrollment – 876. FCS has showed largest increase (includes Child and Family Development, Textiles and Merchandising and Food and Human Nutrition). Ag Communications as a major falls under Wangberg, with 22 majors. Jim reported concerns about low graduate enrollment in some degrees – wrestling with what to do. Nancy Irlbeck (CSU) reported on some joint graduate program efforts she is involved with.

***USDA- CSREES – George Cooper:*** 2007 budget – USDA SERD (Science and Education Resources Development) moved its funding from formula to competitive several years ago. House/Senate/President all have different budgets as usual. For example – Hispanic Serving Institution Challenge Grant Program - \$5.5 million – President, \$6.2 million – Senate, \$6.6 – House. Proposals needed for the Integrated Research and Education

Program. Challenge Grant Program – important program for USDA – Greg Smith manages this.

Secondary and Post-Secondary grant program – Land grants cannot participate in this, however can collaborate with K-12 and 2 year schools. This can help provide a seamless program if combined with the Multicultural Scholars program.

Tribal College Equity and Endowment Program – good way to keep these students in your state, which is often what they desire. Faculty support dollars also available to assist Tribal College faculty development at Land Grants.

Between 1872 and 2002, 1890 Institutions did not have to come up with match dollars. Now they do, and some are having problems coming up with these match dollars. 3 1890s in particular are having problems with this.

Multicultural Scholars program – revised 2 years ago. Can support M.S. and undergraduate students.

International Science and Education grants program started 2 years ago. RFA comes out every 2 years, as this allows additional funds to accumulate. 2 sets of awards thus far. Amount of awards - \$60,000 – 100,000 for 2 years. 16 awarded last year. Targeted for internationalization of curricula.

George encouraged attendees to visit with their faculty about becoming reviewers for grant proposals, as a good way to become familiar with the process, and thus increase their chances of writing a successful proposal. George will send us information to access the database that we can forward to faculty to enter their information, so as to be in the selection database for all programs – competitive grants, formula funds and CSREES Review Teams.

***Oregon State Univ. – Stella Coakley:*** Their University has had discussions regarding cutting back enrollment due to shortage of faculty resources, but their College intends to maintain current enrollment. CAS approved approximately 30 new FTEs in the fall of 2004, which are just coming on-line now. An additional 12 new FTEs were approved last year, and hiring is in progress. OSU is no longer approving 1.0 FTEs, most are now .75 on a 12 month basis. Their College lost Charles Boyer to become Dean at Fresno State Univ. Bill Boggess (relatively new Assoc. Dean), is still only ½ time in the Dean's office until he finishes up his term as Faculty Senate President. The Dean's office has hired a new Head Interim Advisor for this next year and are reviewing the office function for academic programs.

***University of Idaho – John Foltz:*** Enrollment down slightly. New study abroad scholarships offered by CALS, radio campaign by CALS reasonably successful, Foltz helped establish Academic War on Hunger team – based on presentation at NASULGC meeting by director of UN World Food Program and Univ. of Auburn College of Human Sciences. Discussed efforts to work on assessment for accreditation.

*Ian Maw* – *NASULGC*: Academic Summit (Oct. 3-5, 2006) is in the hands of the National Academy steering committee since mid-May. This will continue the national dialogue on reframing undergraduate education – particularly in the Ag and Life Sciences. The steering committee includes: Jim Oblinger – Chair and Chancellor at NC State Univ., Larry Vanderhoff – Chancellor at UC Davis, Mike Martin – Pres., New Mexico State Univ., Jane Coulter – formerly of USDA and several industry reps. Ian should have a report from the steering committee before the joint COPS meeting. Attendance will be limited to 300 invitees – committee is wrestling with how to invite – specific invitations or have institutions select small teams. All plenary sessions will be simulcast on the internet.

FAEIS Panel of Experts to meet in Washington, D.C. next week and will continue to push on CIP program discussion. Possible discussion at joint COPS meeting. This affects the assessment model.

Request for updates of the APS directory should come from Ian’s office within the next 2 weeks.

CREATE 21 – exciting concept, potential for creating a “vessel” for increasing dollars – a doubling of budget for Land Grants over the tenure of the next Farm Bill. Request is for 75% competitive funding & 25% capacity building. It will be an opportunity to address Challenge Grants, Fellowships, etc. See: <http://www.create-21.org>

NIFA – Dr. William Danforth’s proposal regarding the National Institute of Food and Agriculture has been reintroduced into the Senate, and should be introduced into the House this next week. Ian Maw reported that discussions with Dr. Danforth have centered on joining NIFA and CREATE 21 as one proposal, and that this may come about in the next 2 months as a combined proposal.

### **MOTION TO SUPPORT CREATE 21**

It was moved by Jim Wangberg and seconded by Nancy Irlbeck that the Western APS formally support CREATE 21, with the following reasoning: 1. CREATE 21 provides for better collaboration among partners (Land Grants and USDA) for setting priorities; 2. Allows partners to take our priority areas and enhance our programs and funding.  
MOTION PASSED.

Additional discussion that needs to occur over the next several months is whether CREATE 21 funding will be discretionary or mandatory funding.

Next NASULGC meeting will be in Washington, D.C. February 28 – March 2, 2007.  
New Associate Deans meeting will be December 6 – 8, 2006.

APS budget looks ok. Ian reported that we should actually save more dollars than originally planned, as he now has additional NASULGC responsibilities and those responsibilities are “paying their own way,” saving APS budget dollars.

Ian also indicated that he is following up on APS assessments with some institutions. From a staff standpoint, he indicated that they are down 1 person, with Angela Ray having left, Amanda Murphy is fitting well into her new job, and Suzette Robinson is working out well.

**University of Hawaii – Charly Kinoshita:** University and College enrollment was healthy until this year. 8% decline in University enrollment is anticipated this year and decline in College enrollment is anticipated as well. Decline attributed to increased tuition and a strong state economy – potential students taking jobs rather than going to college. Charly asked the group to forward any thoughts to him on engaging students on a commuter campus. He also suggested that we discuss distance programs, and Nancy Irlbeck suggested that we perhaps partner with the Great Plains Interactive Distance Learning Alliance: <http://www.gpidea.org>

**Colorado State Univ. – Nancy Irlbeck:** CSU has started an Academic War on Hunger team. Nancy also reported that their College continues to work with Ag Adventure – a partnership with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade elementary school classes in the Ft. Collins area to teach students about agriculture by using CSU research facilities, which has been in progress for several years. See:

<http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/collegiate4h/Pictures.Ag%20Events.htm>

With the passage of Referendum C, dollars are available to provide faculty raises and limited tuition increases. Substantial work has been implemented towards enhancing current online graduate programs and developing more. A new organic ag interdisciplinary program between horticulture and soil and crops has been initiated.

**Univ. of Arizona – Dave Cox:** Enrollment will be up this fall, has increased 2 – 3 ½ % each year for last 4 – 5 years. Mostly has been due to increases in FCS. FCS has increased from about 30% to approximately 40% of the College of Ag. and Life Sciences. In January, CALS will have an Agribusiness Degree thanks to the Board of Regents (has been a point of discussion with Arizona State University for years). Starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, Gene Sander will be the Vice President for Outreach and the Dean of CALS. Dave Cox will be Assoc. Vice President, Outreach and Dean of Continuing Education. Dave will continue a 40-50% appointment as Associate Dean in CALS, and will begin a national search for an Assistant Dean starting this fall. Dave indicated that a new crop production major is now in place, and that the College has 4 new department heads over the past year.

**Montana State Univ. – Bob Gough:** Enrollment has been relatively stable over the past 5 years and was 865 this past fall, which includes 12 Native American students. Bob has been gathering admission/enrollment data and has determined that most students find out about MSU College of Agriculture from their parents or teachers. He indicated that Ag teachers in the state dislike the College of Agriculture due to some occurrence 25 years

ago. Thus, he is visiting every Vo-Ag program in the state (40-50 programs). He is also working on programs to increase recruitment and retention.

***Univ. of Nevada, Reno – Carol Condit:*** Enrollment is up slightly. She is working with one “problem” department to increase enrollment. UNR is getting a new President – Milt Glick. Carol’s Student Center Coordinator recently left, and they are working on putting together a lot of 2 + 2 programs. She indicated that Nevada has a new Reagent who has a B.S. in Microbiology and Ph.D. in Natural Resources, both from the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources. There is some pressure to perhaps sell their main research farm due to urban encroachment. APS member encouraged their College to engage the community in this discussion, as they likely appreciate the green space.

### **RCIC REP**

John Foltz was elected last year. This will be reported to Mike Harrington, as this information was apparently not conveyed previously.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Ian Maw had several additional announcements:

1. Karen Kubena is coming to the joint COPS meeting, and has indicated that Texas A & M will host a summer workshop in 2007 to follow-up on the Academic Summit.
2. Ian will be attending the Interuniversity Consortium of Ag and Related Sciences in Europe (ICA) in Prague. ICA/NASULGC will meet in alternate years. This meeting will be in Costa Rica in 2007, and will be hosted by the University of Missouri in 2008. See: <http://www.boku.ac.at/ica>
3. Ian has also been elected to the Board of the Global Consortium of Higher Education and Research for Agriculture. See: <http://www.gchera.nauu.kiev.ua>

Meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

**Board on Agricultural Assembly (BAA)  
Academic Programs Section (APS)  
Western Academic Programs Directors Meeting  
July 11, 2006**

Chair elect/Secretary Charly Kinoshita called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m. in the absence of chair Wes Holley.

**TEACHING AWARDS DISCUSSION**

The group had a discussion regarding the USDA Teaching Awards program. The region submitted 13 nominations, in large part due to enhanced awareness of the program and recent discussion with Ian Maw. Stella Coakley and Carol Condit both served on the awards review committee this year – Stella for the Southern region and Carol for the combined North Central and North East regions. They had comments on the process for us: “reviewers pay a lot of attention to whether nominees have won university and regional awards; reviewers seem to be keen on teacher development activities; reviewers look beyond what nominees have done beyond classroom teaching – things like grant dollars for educational purposes, most compelling applicants were those where most of the application was written by others.” Stella indicated that nomination limits may be forthcoming – perhaps 2 per institution per award. It was discussed that good representation from the program is useful to maintain funding for the awards program.

Nominees from the Western Region:

Oregon State – 1  
Univ. of Wyoming – 2  
Univ. of Idaho – 3  
Col. State. Univ. – none  
Univ. of AZ – 2  
Mont. State. Univ. – none  
Univ. of Nev. – none  
Univ. of Hawaii – 1

**HOW TO MAKE APS MORE EFFECTIVE**

A brief discussion ensued regarding how to make APS more effective. Suggestions included initiating a list serve and periodic conference calls.

**WESTERN REGION TEACHING SYMPOSIUM**

The Teaching Symposium will be held at Utah State this fall, September 22 – 23, 2006.

See: <http://www.colostate.edu/Orgs/WAAESD/Academic/AcademicGenInfo.html>

Future symposiums: 2007 – Univ. of Arizona, 2008 – New Mexico State Univ.

John Foltz initiated a discussion regarding including more assistance and information for Academic Programs office staff (including Associate Deans). He reported on his

attendance at the North Central region APS seminar on Student Recruitment and Retention, held May 18-19 at Purdue which he attended. See: <http://casnr.unl.edu/aps/notebook.pdf>

It was the general consensus that such an approach would be helpful. As a result, the group decided that future Teaching Symposiums will have a track for Academic Programs to include such topics as: Recruiting, scholarships, study abroad, racial bias/sexual harassment, student organizations, etc. Dave Cox indicated that he would follow-up with Foltz as he starts to develop plans for the '07 Symposium at Univ. of Arizona, and will report at the Symposium at Utah Sate this fall.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – MIKE HARRINGTON**

Mike Harrington handed out a copy of the 2006 update for the Science Roadmap for Agriculture. See: <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/escop/Roadmap%20Update%202006,%20read%20version.pdf>

He indicated that Colien Hefferan ust e-mailed out an update on FY '08 agency estimates, with some specific items related to Academic Programs – Obesity, functional foods and international programs. Mike indicated that his office is happy to assist APS in any way needed – multi-state efforts, collaborate for distributed/distance education efforts, Western Governor's University? He also indicated that his office can help coordinate Western APS conference calls if desired, and that we should perhaps set up a regular schedule.

### **ADDITONAL DISCUSSION ON TEACHING SYMPOSIUM**

Further discussion related to initiating a track at the teaching symposium that would help to build administrative capacity. Jim Wangberg indicated that he helps manage the Teaching Symposium funds, and that \$3200 comes from USDA to support regional Teaching Symposiums. If we wanted to have a separate program similar to the one recently held at Purdue, we would have to visit with George Cooper.

### **FOCUS OF APS SECTION MEETINGS AT WESTERN DIRECTORS MEETING**

It was suggested that we utilize the following format for future APS Section meetings at the Western Directors' Meetings:

1. Capsule summary from RCIC 1<sup>st</sup> day, to include the educational component of Regional Research projects.
2. Institutional reports should be written only, and submitted several weeks prior to the Western Directors meeting – perhaps emphasizing 1 thing that is going well for your institution, and 1 thing you could use help with. The discussion was that while these are interesting, we spend too much time talking about what is happening at our institutions, and don't seem to get to the productive sessions.

3. We should take one or two topics and use them as a basis for discussion – coming prepared with ideas and data to share.

Charly Kinoshita indicated that he would follow up with non-attendees.

Jim Wangberg moved and Carol Condit seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Foltz  
Secretary