

## Western APS Meeting

Fairbanks, AK

July 7, 2008

Attendance: Dave Cox (Univ. of Arizona), Jim Wangberg (Univ. of Wyoming), Charly Kinoshita (Univ. of Hawaii), Charles Boyer (Fresno State Univ.), John Foltz (Univ. of Idaho), Carol Condit (Univ. of Nevada, Reno), Jim Libbin (NMSU), Wes Holley (NMSU)

1. USDA Teaching Award—only one submission from Western Region this year. We need to expand our applications. Nominations should be highest University Teaching Award. The exception is new teacher award (five years or less experience). John will send out numbers of last year's award nominations.
2. Teaching Symposium at NMSU—Sept. 19 – 20, 2008. Nevada Teaching Symposium 2009—
3. Money level of support provided to instructional program. Charley led this discussion—How are funds distributed to departments for instruction? All the funding is very similar. It's not provided to support growth and etc. Long discussion on varying ideas and data for instruction.

David Cox gave teaching load summary—see attached (Western Region). This led into a discussion about advising and the percentage of teaching FTE that should be applied to advising.

4. Retention Strategy—committee to ready letter and make recommendation to associate dean. Some don't work with probation students. Require students to sit out for at least one semester. Have students participate in study development programs and strong supervision of probation students.

### 5. Ag Student Councils

Corn Maze—A family activity to raise money, but also a learning opportunity.

A discussion about this organization, structure, involvements and activities.

The national association of ag student councils is still active.

This discussion included fundraising ideas, such as Food for Finals Week.

### 6. Utilizing your student Ambassadors

7. Western APS Election at tomorrow meeting  
Adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

8. Elections:

Chair-elect: Carol Condit, NV

Secretary – Charles Boyer, Fresno State