

## **WESTERN ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS SECTION**

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### **Minutes of Meeting**

**July 10, 2006, 1:45-4:30 pm**

**Monterey, California**

**Chair, Lee Yudin, University of Guam**

**Secretary, Marc Johnson, Colorado State University**

Present: Lee Yudin (University of Guam), Lowell Catlett (New Mexico State University), John Hammel (University of Idaho), Dan Bernardo (Washington State University), David Thawley (University of Nevada-Reno), Neal Van Alfen (University of California-Davis), Eugene Sander (University of Arizona), Paul Ludden (University of California-Berkeley), Thayne Dutson (Oregon State University), Andrew Hashimoto (University of Hawaii), Frank Galey (University of Wyoming), Charles Boyer (California State University-Fresno), and Marc Johnson (Colorado State University).

Guests: Fred Clark (Cornerstone), Ian Maw (NASULGC)

Call to Order: Lee Yudin called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm

Minutes: Written minutes of the Santa Fe summer meeting of 2005 were distributed and adopted by vote.

Handouts:

1. Doug Steele request that Marsha Hollingsworth be appointed as a CARET representative to the Western Extension Directors. Discussion: WAHS does not support this due to the likelihood of mixing messages. WAHS is trying to create a unified message from CARET through AHS. If the proposal were adopted, a CARET representative would have to be assigned to each director group. We have the summer meeting where all CARET members get to interact with all Deans and Directors.
2. George Cooper's CSREES report. No discussion.
3. Michael Harrington's memo on CREATE-21
4. June 30, 2006 SAES Conference Call Minutes.

Fred Clark of Cornerstone provided an update on the Budget Advocacy Committee timetable, federal budget process, NASULGC FY'07 budget requests and House and Senate action to date. Handouts showed the budget schedule and proposed appropriation numbers. Fred asked that Deans identify lines in the budgets of various agencies which go to universities which could be built up (existing lines).

Ian Maw provided a CREATE-21 review. Currently, the research and education budget is 90 percent formula and 10 percent competitive. The new plan would be 56 percent formula (capacity) and 44 percent competitive. A system vote is needed by August, 2006 to be ready for inclusion in the Farm Bill. See the latest proposals on CREATE-21.org.

Discussion on CREATE-21 ensued. A straw vote showed unanimous support among WAHS for moving forward with the proposal. The chief concern was whether ARS and

ERS have been involved sufficiently in the discussion and whether they actually support this. There was question whether we should move forward with CREATE-21 if ARS and ERS don't support it. There also was support for clearly naming "natural resources" or "environment" or "conservation" in the title of the new organization (partly to address concern of foresters).

There was discussion about value in having all WAHS together for at least a portion of the summer WAHS meeting. Next year we will either restructure the schedule or ask WAHS members to spend at least two hours at the WAHS meeting on Monday.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Wednesday, July 12: Dan Bernardo, Washington State, was elected Secretary. He later accepted the position.