

Minutes of Land Grant Deans:

Draft Minutes
October 13 - 16, 2002
Fall Meeting, Williamsburg, VA
ACSESULGC/APU

October 14, 2002

8:30 Introduction: President Karen Gallagher opened the meeting with participant introductions. President Gallagher provided an overview of the meeting agenda.

8:45 Legislative Update: Penny Early and the Governmental Relations Committee (David Monk, Barbara Fuhrman, Gerado Gonzalez).

Dr. Early described influences on education policy including accountability, domestic security, state budget shortfalls, and the November elections. She urged the members to access the new GAO study (www.gao.gov) to understand some of the political discourse surrounding Title II. Dr. Early described potential new organizational structures for the OERI, issues surrounding the reauthorization of IDEA and HEA, highlighted both the importance of and vulnerability of K-12 and IHE partnerships; described the initiatives around a national certification exam, and the importance of an evidence base for teacher preparation. Dr. Early's contact information is
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10:15 Panel: NCLB the Virginia Story

Dean Jeff Goruff, David Brennamen, Superintendents Stu Robinson and Ed Harrick presented a panel on the implications of the NCLB legislation on their organizations. Suggestions included that Ed Schools must become more agile in offering assistance to districts with specialized needs; and that Ed. Schools must join teachers, administrators, and school districts ready to implement NCLB priorities, especially reading instruction and the ability to disaggregate data. All agreed that their organizations were feeling pressures associated with growing expectations and dwindling resources. A key aspect of K-12/IHE partnerships might be in the induction and mentoring of novice teachers.

1:30 Value Added Teacher Education in Research Universities: Penny Early

The Executive Committee moved that the Association support a study headed by Dr. Early of George Mason University. The descriptive results would be for internal consumption and use. Members gave several suggestions to improve the outline:

- Change title
- Provide data on external funding and funding agencies (fed and state)
- Provide an estimate of how much money we assist LEAs in capturing from Federal and state sources.
- Use US News & World Report data as another data source

Motion carried

2:50 Concurrent Sessions

- Fundraising and Alumni Relations

- Associate Deans
- Recruiting and Retaining High Quality Faculty

3:50 Concurrent Sessions

- The Carnegie Corporation's Teacher Education Initiative
- Restructuring a College
- Using Public Relations Effectively in Schools of Education

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8:30 am Environmental Scan: David Imig

Dr. Imig provided information to the members on

- Adams Mark/AACTE settlement
- NCATE/National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity decision to use Title II data as primary evidence for standard I
- National Certification (teacher passport)
- Teacher passport allowing national reciprocity bypassing state regulatory bodies
- National Association of State Boards of Education and AACTE study on licensure and certification within the next two weeks.
- TEAC/NCATE problem
- AACTE conference is with the American Association of Community Colleges and Trustees Association at Wingspread.
- Developing relationships with ECS commissioners in each state
- Deregulation of teacher certification
- Tensions between the Professional and Technical agendas for teacher Preparation or the Learned Profession vs. Skilled Occupation understanding of teaching.

Dean Clark from University of Delaware reported that his university was using the outcomes focus of NCATE as a research process. This approach may be a fruitful model for others to consider. Further, all members were urged to have retention data of their graduates in the profession ready to publicize by second week in January 2003.

10:30 AM Business Meeting Dean Joan Smith

Secretary

Minutes were approved.

Treasurer

Report was approved.

Membership in the Association

A form to facilitate application of universities wishing to be a member of ACSESULGC/APU was discussed and several suggestions were given both to improve the form and to facilitate a discussion of the desired identify of ACSESULGC/APU. Further discussion on identity will occur in January.

Motion: Executive Committee will continue to revise, send out revision on email, get comments, and then move ahead with use of form. Passed without dissent.

The members indicated they did not wish to fill out the application for data gathering purposes.

Further, members suggested that suggested new Association names be circulated on the list

serve, and that the executive committee commission someone to design a new logo.

Nominations for Executive Committee

HBCU at Large: Dean Vinetta Jones and Paul Mehta have agreed to be on the ballot. There were no other nominations from the floor.

At large: Deans Susan Fowler, Les Sternberg, and Pat Wasley have agreed to be on the ballot. No other nominations from the floor.

Locations for future meetings

Location of 2003 meeting is Santa Fe at the Posada Inn

The highest ranked locations for 2004 – 2006 were:

Marco Island, FL; Savannah, GA; and Monterey, CA.

New Business:

Concerns were expressed about the low attendance from HBCU's. The Executive Committee is charged with examining this issue and seeking greater diversity in attendance.

Dean Dee Hopkins invited interest in the Women in Deanship. This is a special study group for AACTE, but is not just for women. There is a summer retreat. Dean Hopkins would be glad to provide information to any interested parties.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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Final Wrap-up meeting: President Joan K. Smith:

1. There was further discussion on the proposed descriptive study of Association. There were 1 or 2 additional minor suggestions the survey, that Dr. Early will incorporate.
2. The Missouri and Ohio governors should be invited to a forthcoming session to comment on the new licensure and certification study that AACTE is conducting.
3. It was suggested, pursuant to our name change discussion, that we send out to our members a request, prefaced by our mission statement and our purposes, to list the 3 top reasons for being a part of the Association group. All of this was part of a discussion about how the Association used to be more of a social network group, but is evolving into a group that takes the lead on issues. Generally, the members present were interested in being more of an association that would take the lead on issues that we all face both externally and internally. The group wants to retain an environmental scan and keynote-type session. Concern was expressed about the time spent getting to rather remote places, but the group affirmed the need for some time to reflect on their practice.
4. Continuing concern was expressed about the lack of participation among the HBCU's. A suggestion was made that the Association pay a portion of the travel for deans and executive members from HBCUs for HBCU exec members to attend if cost is an obstacle to attendance. The membership wishes to reinvigorate the cultures and communities taskforce.

The Leadership Task Force (chaired by Dean Dick Andrews) has completed its work. A report will be distributed.

5. Dean Richard Schwab, who serves on the NCTAF, proposed to have Association members send him 5, 3, and 1-year data on the teacher retention rates. He will send the questions we are to ask to Joan Smith and/or to the Secretary (Jane Conoley) to send out on the list serve. This will be voluntary, and he will need it by Jan 1.

6. The membership is concerned about the fact that we have no one on the AACTE Exec Committee. The Executive Committee of the Association will make this a priority. I think we can change that at their Feb meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.