

Agenda Item 2: Interim Actions, September 18, 2007 – September 22, 2008

Presenter: Bruce McPheron

Background:

I. Appointments and Nominations

- Appointed Dr. Leroy Dougherty (New Mexico State) as ESCOP liaison to ECOP
- Nominated Susan Barefoot (Clemson) and Steve Slack (Ohio State) as Experiment Station Section (ESS) representatives for the new PBD System Integration Task Force
- Nominated Michael Hoffmann (Cornell) and Clarence Watson (Oklahoma State) as Experiment Station Section (ESS) representatives for the new PBD Emerging Issues and Future Directions Task Force
- Forwarded to NASULGC names of two ESS nominations for the PBD – Nancy Cox (Kentucky) and Leroy Daugherty (New Mexico State)

II. Correspondence

- October 22, 2007: To ESS re ESS marketing assessment ballot
- November 12, 2007: To ESS re marketing assessment referendum results
- January 7, 2008: To the National Science Foundation re comments on a proposed Research Performance Progress Report format (*Federal Register* volume 72, number 217, November 9, 2007)
- January 10, 2008: To ESS re announcement of the ESS Excellence in Multistate Research Award
- February 16, 2008: To Colien Hefferan re clarifying the ESCOP position toward the Competitive Multistate Hatch Program proposed in the FY09 President's budget
- February 16, 2008: To Ian Maw, NASULGC Vice President for Food, Environment and Renewable Resources, re clarifying ESCOP contributions towards the System Communication and Marketing Initiative
- February 18, 2008 To Congressional Agricultural Committee leadership re support for the retention of the IFAFS funds in the Farm Bill
- March 4, 2008: To Patricia Dyk, Chair Social Science Subcommittee, re proposed topics for discussion
- April 25, 2008: To ESS re marketing assessment invoice
- May 1, 2008: To Policy Board of Directors, BAA Budget and Advocacy Committee, ACOP, ECOP, ESCOP, and ICOP re Joint COP's meeting invitation
- August 22, 2008: To ESS re amendments to the ESS Rules of Operation

III. Meetings

- October 19, 2007: Marketing Webcast, Washington, DC

- November 11-13, 2007: NASULGC Annual Meeting, ESCOP Executive Committee meeting, New York City
- January 28, 2008: System Communication and Marketing Implementation Committee meeting, Washington, DC
- February 18-20, 2008: National Extension Director's/Administrators Workshop, San Diego
- February 27-28, 2008: National Science Advisory Board on Biosecurity meeting re representing ESS and NASULGC and presented "Ag Research in the Land Grant University System, Bethesda
- March 2-5, 2008: NASULGC CARET/AHS and ESCOP meeting, Washington, DC
- March 4, 2008: Meeting with Peter McPherson re Podesta marketing contract negotiations, Washington, DC
- March 18-20, 2008: Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors meeting, Tucson
- March 31 - April 2, 2008: Southern Association of Agricultural Experiment Station directors meeting, Knoxville
- April 10, 2008: Meeting with Peter McPherson re Podesta marketing contract, State College
- July 14, 2008: Farm Bill Implementation Assistance Committee meeting with USDA leadership, Washington, DC
- July 22-24, 2007: Joint COPS meetings and ESCOP meeting, San Juan
- August 11-12, 2008: Regional Rural Development Centers Partnership meeting, Washington, DC

IV. Other Communications and Activities

- Monthly Chairs Advisory Committee conference calls
- Initiated monthly conference calls with Colien Hefferan, CSREES Administrator, to maintain open lines of communication and discuss issues of mutual interests with our federal partner
- Prepared and submitted a proposal to CSREES for a National Program Leaders Short-term Leave Program at Land Grant Institutions
- Participated in conference calls of the System Communication and Marketing Implementation Committee
- Forwarded to NASULGC on November 15, 2007 a draft statement on animal research
- Worked with NASULGC leadership to finalize Podesta and Cornerstone contracts for marketing
- Forwarded to NASULGC on June 18, 2008 a description of the ESS Excellence in Multistate Research Award and a description of the 2008 Multistate Research Award winner for inclusion in their awards document

Action Requested: For information only.