SAC-7 Annual Meeting

February 7, 2016

Minutes

The SAC-7, Southern Region Agricultural Economics Department Heads met Sunday, February 7, 2016, 2:00 p.m. in the Director’s Room of the Hyatt Regency San Antonio. Representatives from the following Institutions were in attendance.

University of Arkansas

Mississippi State

Virginia Tech

Louisiana State

University of Kentucky

Oklahoma State

Texas A&M

University of Georgia

Southern Rural Development Center

University of Florida

Auburn University

Also in attendance were administrative advisor Ruben Moore and Gene Nelson representing C-FARE.

Dr. Moore asked participants to check the NIMSS database and to update the information on their institution’s representative to this regional committee.

Each participant gave an update on the status of their department and highlights of developments at their institution during the last year. Copies of these reports are attached.

Dr. Gene Nelson updated the group on the activities of the Council on Food, Agriculture and Environmental Economics and encouraged department heads to consider serving on the C-FARE board.

There was a brief discussion of a regional “reunion” at the summer Ag Econ meetings in Boston. Octavio Ramirez of the University of Georgia volunteered to coordinate this activity.

There was a general discussion about the increasing use of Academic Analytics by university administrators. The group talked about doing a reginal survey on how each university is using this tool.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.