SAC-7 Annual Meeting

Riverview Plaza Hotel, Mobile, Alabama

February 5, 2017

Minutes

The SAC-7, Southern Region Agricultural Economics Department Heads met Sunday, February 5, 2017, 2:00 p.m. in the Admiral’s Suite of the Riverside Plaza Hotel in Mobile, Alabma. Representatives from the following Institutions were in attendance.

University of Arkansas

Virginia Tech

University of Kentucky

Louisiana State

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 representing the southern directors 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.

Dr. Nelson reported on the C-FARE priority setting activity and the report that will be presented at the summer AAEA meeting. Dr. Nelson also encouraged department heads to attend the national meeting scheduled for September 2017 in Washington, D.C.

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.

There was a brief discussion of a regional “reunion” at the summer Ag Econ meetings in Chicago. 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 regional survey on how each university is using this tool.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.