

WERA 1004 Coordinating Committee Meeting  
Pago-Pago, American Samoa  
January 13-14, 2012

**DRAFT MINUTES: Minutes will be reviewed and approved as final at the July 2012 meeting.**

**Attendees:**

Aga, Dan - American Samoa Community College;  
Guerrero, Pedro - Northern Marianas College;  
Hollyer, Jim - University of Hawaii;  
Kurapati, Raaj - University of Alaska-Fairbanks;  
Lewis, Carol - University of Alaska-Fairbanks;  
Manglona, Ross - Northern Marianas College;  
Santos, Annie - University of Guam;  
Troegner, Vanessa - University of Hawaii;  
Yudin, Lee - University of Guam;  
Yuen, Sylvia - University of Hawaii;  
Areta, Aufai - American Samoa Community College;  
Schlutt, Fred - University of Alaska-Fairbanks;  
Asifoa, Molly - American Samoa Community College

Meeting rescheduled to start at 12:30pm, 1/13/12 due to the delayed arrival of the flight from Honolulu, HI.

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Approval of the meeting minutes with corrections, from the last meeting meeting, Summer 2011, Honolulu, HI.
- III. Review of agenda. Changes required to accommodate delayed start time and rescheduling of teleconference with Dr. Bowers, USDA-NIFA.
- IV. Campus Reports
  - a. American Samoa Community College
    - i. Construction on the ASCC Wellness Center is almost complete.
    - ii. Work on the CHL grant is ongoing
    - iii. ASCC is facing budget shortfalls due to the declining economy. This may lead to cuts in staff hours, or employee layoffs.
    - iv. The local economy is struggling with the cannery closing, increasing energy costs, and increasing health care costs. This increased cost for the local government will lead to decreased subsidies to the college and other programs.
    - v. ASCC is graduating its first two graduates of the 4-Year Teacher Education Program. There are only two graduates this semester, but the program represents a great opportunity for ASCC and the community.
    - vi. ASCC is continuing research into salt-tolerant plants.

- vii. ASCC will be hosting an Operation Military Kids camp, for children whose parent is deployed.
- viii. Within the ADAP Food Security Program, ASCC hired a food policy analyst, Molly Asifoa.
- b. Northern Marianas College
  - i. Ross Manglona is current Acting Dean.
  - ii. David Attao is full-time in a new position.
  - iii. Pay cuts of 16 hrs/wk have now been in place for one year.
  - iv. NREM students have graduated due to funding by CariPac.
- c. University of Alaska Fairbanks
  - i. Food Day was held on October 24, 2011, highlighting locally sourced proteins and veggies.
  - ii. UAF is in the process of completing an Academic Agreement with NMC that will allow articulation of students from NMC to UAF. Due to be completed on by January 22, 2012
  - iii. UAF Extension's new Strategic Plan from 2010 is still being implemented. The central themes of the plan are Community Issue Based Systems:
    - 1. Food Security and Sufficiency Goals - 84% of food in Alaska is imported.
    - 2. Health Efforts
    - 3. Climate Change
    - 4. Energy Costs
    - 5. Outreach Goals
      - a. Development of a K-12 science kit for schools
      - b. Diversity funding and building collaborations, especially across campus
    - 6. Economic Development Goals
      - a. Investments in a Certified Kitchen
      - b. Promotion of Alaska-made products
      - c. Help SBDC to improve offerings and business education courses
  - iv. UAF passed their most recent accreditation review with flying colors
  - v. Alaska Oil Pipeline volume has decreased from 2.5M to 600K per day. Since UAF benefits from Pipeline profits, this decrease will lead to an increased reliance on cost-sharing from state resources. As such, UAF is planning on a 10% decrease in the university budget.
  - vi. Tobi Campanella replaces Jason Thesis as ADAP Coordinator at UAF.
- d. University of Hawaii
  - i. At this time, the state budget and the UH budget are stable; we will see no increase or decrease in the next year.
  - ii. CTAHR is planning much more outreach to the K-12 age group.
  - iii. CTAHR is focusing more efforts on invasive pests, microbes, and insects.

- iv. The search for a new dean for CTAHR has resumed and a new dean is planned to be announced by March 2012. Dr. Yuen will be leaving her position as Interim Dean by the end of the summer.
- e. University of Guam
  - i. UOG is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday with yearlong events, and a commemorative calendar. Each month a different college is featured.
  - ii. During this year, the UOG president is working to raise \$30M for capacity building for infrastructure, with hopes that the state will match the \$30M.
  - iii. Dr. Jeff Barcinas passed away recently. UOG thanks everyone for their condolences and support. In memory of Dr. Jeff, the college's courtyard has been renamed in his honor.
  - iv. Guam is seeking to expand its visitor visa waiver program. Currently, the program allows travelers from Japan, Korea, and Thailand, to visit without a visa. An expanded program would allow visitors from China and Russia to have similar ease in planning their visits to Guam.
  - v. Military may be reviewing placement of troops and resources within the Pacific region. Changes will affect Pacific region, Hawaii, and Alaska. Previously announced assignment of Marines from Okinawa, may change from placement and buildup of bases in Guam, to Alaska.
- f. College of Micronesia
  - i. A representative from COM was not available for this meeting. Jim Hollyer read highlights from a written report.
- V. Climate Scenarios Project Report (ADAP Year 23)
  - a. Reviewed project progress report on page 23-26, ADAP Progress Reports.
  - b. Letter of Intent for SeaGrant funding was unsuccessful.
  - c. Dr. Rupp is looking for other funding opportunities, which is complicated by an anticipated drop in grant funding by USDA of approximately 10%.
  - d. ADAP held a program meeting in Sept. 2011, in San Francisco. (Dr. Carol Lewis will provide meeting minutes and data that were shared at meeting to the ADAP Home Office.)
  - e. At this time, Dr. Rupp feels that we need to pursue other seed money to expand the climate models that we previously developed. Potential sources of funding should not be competitive, such as HATCH funds, or request funds from the Dept. of the Interior.
  - f. The ADAP board needs to define the audience and purpose for stakeholder meeting. We need to define overarching regional goals that meet the concerns of each partner institution. We propose that such efforts will be coordinated by UAF. Ideas under consideration:
    - i. Hold a facilitated meeting of interested parties who will collaborate on a large regional project that supports regional goals.
    - ii. Send regional partners to a national meeting in climate change to get ideas for regional and local projects.
    - iii. Reallocate funds for further development of climate models by UAF.

- iv. Allocate travel funds to UAF (Dr. Rupp, Carol Lewis and/or others) to present Climate Scenarios White Paper to national group.
    - v. Prepare K-12 science kits to share with regional schools to teach climate change.
- VI. Food Security and Sufficiency / Food Policy Project (ADAP Year 22)
  - a. Reviewed project progress report on page 16-19, ADAP Progress Reports.
  - b. UAF
    - i. Tannan Valley survey found a large difference between food sold at farmer's markets, and production in the field. To get an accurate assessment, the survey took a very "hands on" approach, with students almost, literally going door-to-door to collect data.
    - ii. Food Day outcomes included a twice monthly article in the local newspaper, which has raised awareness.
  - c. ASCC
    - i. Hired Molly Asifoa as a Food Policy Analyst.
- VII. WERA 1004 – Agricultural and Community Development in the American Pacific (Multistate Research Coordinating Committee and Information Exchange Group)
  - a. Each institution has the option to use HATCH funds for travel to WERA 1004 coordinating committee meetings.
  - b. Requirements of WERA meetings:
    - i. Prior to this meeting, we submitted a meeting request (with tentative agenda) and it was approved.
    - ii. At the conclusion of the meeting, we will have 60 days to submit a meeting summary and/or meeting minutes.

ACTION: First PLGA / WERA 1004 meeting funded with HATCH funds will be planned for Winter 2013 (January 2013).

- VIII. Review of ADAP Project Progress Reports, July to December 2011 (included in meeting materials)
  - i. Management Services - Updates on pages 4-7.
  - ii. Professional Development – Updates on pages 8-11.
  - iii. CIPS – Updates on pages 12-15.

ACTION: Add alternative funding options for CIPS Library Services to the Summer agenda.

- IX. Fiscal Update and ADAP Project Close-out
- X. ADAP Legacy Book
  - a. At this time, the Legacy Book is envisioned as 20 pages, 9 x 11" pages.
  - b. ADAP Home Office will take the lead with data collection, content, and lay-out/design, but we will require each institution's help to collect data.
  - c. We anticipate printing 500 copies.
  - d. Plan for a short executive summary (1000 copies).

- XI. USDA Update – teleconference with Dr. Michael Bowers
- a. As part of the “Blueprint for Stronger Service” Hilo’s Rural Development Authority office will be closing; also, the three offices in Micronesia will be consolidated to one.
  - b. Current administration is in favor of formula funds for 2013.
  - c. Indirect Costs rates for awards in FY2012 is increasing from 22% to 38%. Also, there will be no restriction against using unrecovered IDC as matching funding.
  - d. With increased post-award management for large >\$1M awards, we will see an increase in reporting requires past the annual CRIS reports. (This would impact the CHL award.)
  - e. The new NIFA Director will be in place by March 2012. The directorship is a political appointee.
  - f. There have been 18 retirements from USDA this year and this may force the USDA to reduce the number of state liaisons from 2 per state to 1 per state.
- XII. Children’s Healthy Living Program (CHL) Update

ACTION: Due to confusion about the role of the Local Advisory Committees (LAC), Dr. Novotny arranged a teleconference meeting with the Board for Feb. 1, 2012.

- a. Regional LAC directors would benefit from sharing the minutes from each meeting with each other.
  - b. This committee requests a place on the agenda during the CHL Annual meeting, June 18-22, 2012.
  - c. On weekly meeting announcements, the times for each meeting should include the local time in each jurisdiction, and not just the Hawaii time.
  - d. This committee requests an invitation to the CHL Program Steering Committee monthly teleconference meetings.
  - e. CHL should be made aware of the CariPac Distance Education resources at each site.
- XIII. Pacific Land Grant Alliance (PGLA) – PLGA addresses overarching developmental goals within the region, such as funding, legislation, and regional research goals with global impacts.
- a. ACTION: At next meeting, add to agenda the PLGA Strategic Plan, Goals, Mission Statement, and Organizational Structure.
  - b. We may have an opportunity to add or amend the ADAP project / PLGA to the language of the 2012 Farm Bill, as the 2012 Farm Bill will not be renewed or voted on until after the November election.
  - c. Within the APLU, there is a seat for the Insular Areas. Lee Yudin currently sits on this board, but his term will end shortly. It would be beneficial for someone within our group to run for his vacated seat.
  - d. Other seats and committees that would be beneficial to have a Pacific voice on include the Committee of Legislative Policy (CLP), the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC), and the Policy Board of Directors.
- XIV. Next Meeting
- a. July 7-8, 2012 (Saturday and Sunday), in conjunction with the WAAESD meeting in Salt Lake City, UT.

XV. Meeting adjourned.