

The View from the Office for Access and the Advancement of Public Black Universities

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Overview

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- Role of OAAPBU
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- Recommendations to ARD
- Data About the 1890s
- Strengthening Relationship Between ARD and the Council of 1890 Universities



A.P.L.U. Legacy

- Oldest higher education association with roots stretching to 1887
- 1963 merger created National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC)
 - American Association of Land-Grant Colleges and State Universities
 - National Association of State Universities
- 2009 name change
 - Association of Public and Land-grant Universities



By the Numbers

- 219 Members
 - 74 land-grant universities
 - 18 historically black colleges and universities
 - 114 public universities
 - 27 state university systems
 - 4 organizations
- Member institutions in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories

By the Numbers

- 4.7 million students enrolled annually
 - 3.6 undergraduates
 - 1.1 graduates
- Nearly 1 million degrees awarded annually
- Member institutions conduct nearly \$30 billion in federally-sponsored research and development in science and engineering annually



The Culture at APLU

- Generally supportive of OAAPBU
- Requesting more engagement of 1890s
- Focused on research and research universities
- To be a catalyst for action around particular interests (i.e., STEM, Energy, VSA, International Programs, etc.)
- Major focus on APLU “key initiatives”



Current Initiatives

- Voluntary System of AccountabilitySM: Building a new “College Portrait”
- Science & Mathematics Teacher Imperative: Preparing math and science teachers
- Study Abroad: Moving to one million students annually overseas with passage of the Sen. Paul Simon Study Abroad Act
- Energy Initiative: Promoting role of public universities in solving the nation’s energy challenge



Current Initiatives

- Online Learning: New approaches to achieving institutional goals
- International Development: Partnering with African institutions
- CREATE-21: Reinvigorating agricultural research through implementation of the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative
- Engaging with the increasingly diverse community and enhancing student access

The Role of OAAPBU

- Promote partnerships between 1862s, 1890s, and 1994s around issues of access and student success
- Provide support for the Council of 1890 Universities
- Provide support for the Commission on Access, Diversity and Excellence



What is the Purpose of the Council of 1890 Universities?

- The purpose of the Council of 1890 Universities is to represent collectively the interests of 1890 land-grant. The Council seeks to maintain, insure and increase funding, to present a unified approach for presentation of views regarding these institutions and to serve as a forum to share ideas and resources. The Council works with other 1890 associations in developing a comprehensive agenda for A.P.L.U. regarding congressional and federal policies and programs impacting 1890 institutions.



What is the Purpose of CADE?

To develop a comprehensive agenda for APLU regarding the compelling issues of:

- Broadening access and opportunity
- Improving the quality of the undergraduate experience
- Achieving excellence
- Enhancing diversity within faculty and student populations



Recommendations to the ARD

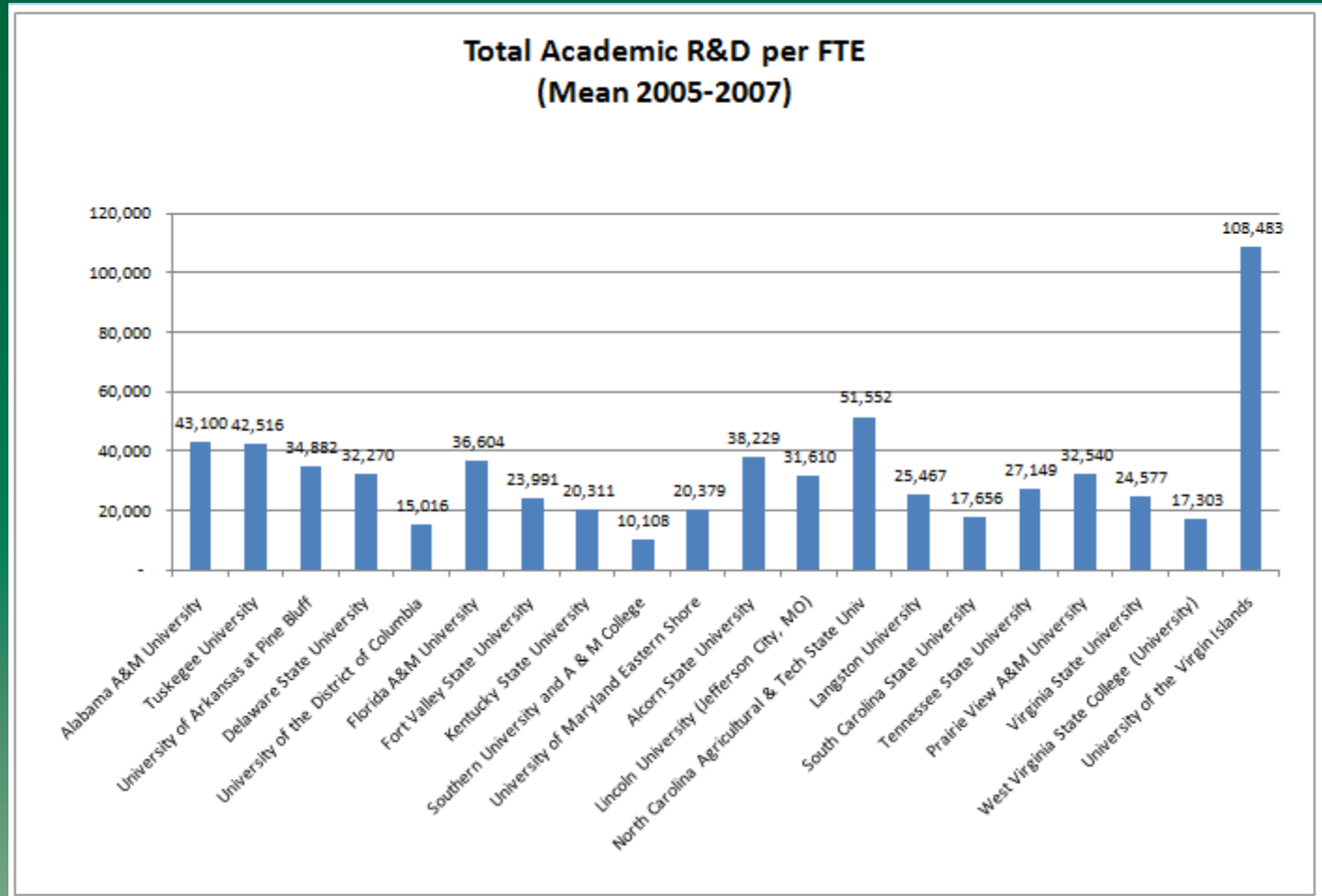
- Embrace/support APLU key initiatives, where appropriate
- Create a key initiative through the work of the OAAPBU that is linked to funding
- Expand outreach to other federal agencies particularly NSF, Energy, NIH, ED, etc.
- Show a strong representation on APLU Councils and Commissions
- Improve communication with the Council



State of 1890 Universities

- Enrollment (Fall 2007)
 - 89,549 (excluding UDC & UVI)
 - FAMU, NCA&T, TSU, Prairie View U., and Southern U are top five

1890 Research and Development



The Opportunities for the Council and ARD to Partner

- Expand the involvement of the 1890 community with the Council of 1890 Universities summer meeting
- Speak with ONE voice when communicating with external agencies
- Develop an agenda to address disparities in the STEAM areas
- Expand our focus to other federal agencies other than USDA
- Apply for consortia grants



We must always hold ourselves accountable

- Funding for 1890s
- Establish clear goals and objectives
- Demonstrated progress through performance measures
- Increased engagement at APLU
- Developing a real spirit of unity



The Best is Just Ahead!

Questions??

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