

Item: ED Report

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On-Going Goals:

- Manage the SAAESD Multistate Project Portfolio, Activities, and Other Association Business
- Facilitate Inter-institutional Collaboration within the Southern Region and Nationwide
- Enhance Integration of Research with Extension and Academic Programs
- Identify and Communicate Emerging Issues and Opportunities
- Provide Data and Information to Assist the Southern Region Directors in AES Management
- Promote the Southern Region to Decision Makers and other Stakeholders
- Represent the Southern Region Directors with Regional and National Groups
- Work within APLU and with USDA’s NIFA and ARS to Promote Favorable Federal Policies and Improve the Southern Region’s Research Capacity
- Collaborate with other Regional Research and Extension ED’s on National Issues and Other Activities
- Carryout Other Tasks as Requested by SAAESD Directors and Their Chair

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Major and New Activities										
Southern Region Battelle Study – In collaboration with Ron Brown, we facilitated a regional agbioscience impact study conducted by Battelle Memorial Institute, including efforts related to agriculture, environment, forestry, fisheries, agro-tourism, and building resilient youth, families, and communities. A quantitative expenditure economic impact analysis of the 15 experiment stations and extension services was also part of the study. The final report was released Mar 6 to national media outlets and subsequently to state and local media. An educational event in DC for Congressional members and staffers is being planned for mid-April.		X	X		X	X			X	X

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Grantsmanship Workshop – In collaboration with Ron Brown, a second southern region grantsmanship workshop was organized focused on integrated multistate grant proposals and conducted Nov 27-28 in Atlanta. The workshop included sessions on building teams, integrating research & extension, and writing successful grants. Participants were chosen from multistate integrated faculty groups who already have a history of working together. Nine groups involving a total of 75 faculty from 13 institutions attended the workshop.		X	X						X	X
Joint Workshop with Academic Program Directors – A joint workshop with the southern region Academic Programs directors was organized and held Sep 18-19 in Atlanta to discuss common issues and concerns, share best management practices, and identify potential joint initiatives. Discussion topics included high cost programs, undergraduate research, supporting each other's programs, and research-teaching collaborations		X	X	X	X				X	X
Other Regional Activities										
Southern Region Multistate Projects – With my Administrative Assistant, Donna Pearce, and the MRC, four replacement S projects were approved along with one SDC and five S_temps, including one for a new SERA.	X	X	X	X	X					
Excellence in Multistate Research Award – Two project nominations were submitted for regional consideration and S-9 was sent in as our nomination for the national award.	X	X				X				
NRSP-8, National Animal Genome Research Program, Lead Administrative Advisor – This project is up for renewal Oct 1, 2013, I worked with the Chair and Species Coordinators to develop the accomplishments report and renewal project proposal, which was submitted to the NRSP Review Committee in Jan, 2013. I met with this project group Jan 12-13.	X	X				X	X			
S-1043, Economic Impacts of International Trade and Domestic Policies on Southern Agriculture, Administrative Advisor – This project is up for renewal Oct 1, 2013, I worked with the Writing Committee to develop the new objectives and proposal. I met with this project group Nov 5-6.	X	X								

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SCC-83, Quantifying the Linkages between Soil Health, Organic Farming and Food, Administrative Advisor – Ongoing project that meets alternately with the American Society for Horticultural Science and the Agronomy Society of America.	X	X								
SCC-80, Plant Breeding – This was a “top-down” project initiated by Ann Marie Thro (NIFA) and myself in 2007 to bring together public and private plant breeders. In 2009, this project group established the National Association of Plant Breeders (NAPB), a professional association representing all plant breeders. Currently I’m assisting the leadership in identifying and understanding the unique roles of SCC-80 and NAPB. I met with this project group Aug 6-7	X	X								
SERA-42, Enhancement of Leadership Capacity in the Food Systems through Coalition Development – This SERA was approved for an additional two years on Oct 1, 2012. I am the research administrative advisor for this project, along with the extension AA, Tim Cross. I met with this project group Nov 10.	X	X	X							
AC-6, Horticulture, Administrative Advisor – This group meets annually at the Southern Association of Agricultural Sciences conference to review multistate projects related to horticulture and discuss issues relevant to their departments. I met with this group Feb 2.	X			X			X			
AC-13, Forestry, Administrative Advisor – This AC had been inactive relative to SAAESD until 2010 when I reconnected with them through the Southern NAUFAP group. I now meet with them annually, either at their spring or fall meetings. I met with this group May 29-31.	X			X			X			
SERA Review Committee Member – This research/extension committee reviewed five replacement projects and made recommendations to ASRED and SAAESD on those projects’ proposals.	X	X	X				X		X	
SAAESD Financial and Personnel Database – Database parameters include statistics on funding from federal and state appropriations, grants, contracts, and other sources and FTE’s of faculty, staff, and administration and provides graphic comparisons state by state or region-wide. Data from 2010/11 has been entered and most states have entered 2011/12 data.					X					

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Joint Cotton Breeding Advisory Committee, Tecoman Winter Nursery Steering Committee, and Cotton Winter Nursery (CWN) Executive Committee – I serve as an advisor for these Cotton Council committees that meet annually by conference call or at the Beltwide Cotton Conference. Currently the CWN Exec Committee is considering relocating the winter nursery to Puerto Rico for various reasons. At the Cotton Council’s request, I participated in two fact finding trips to Puerto Rico in Sep 2012 and Mar 2013. I met with the Joint Cotton Breeding AC on Jan 10.		X		X			X	X		
Southern Region IPM Center Steering Committee Member – Met with the SR-IPM Advisory Committee and participated in the Steering Committee meeting on June 11-12. Also attended the National IPM Committee meeting Oct 9-10 in DC and participated in discussions regarding consolidation of NIFA budget lines related to IPM.		X	X	X		X	X	X		
Southern Region Water Quality Program Advisory Committee Member – Attended the Water Quality Monitoring conference May 1-3 and Wetlands conference June 5-8.				X			X			
Southeast Agriculture and Forestry Energy Resources Alliance (SAFER) Advisory Council Member – I met with this Council on Dec 4 and attended the subsequent Southern Bioenergy Networks meeting on Dec 5 sponsored by SAFER.				X		X	X			
Caribbean Invasive Species Working Group – This group was organized by UFL faculty working with leaders from key Caribbean agricultural organizations to promote collaborations related to invasive species. A symposium on the topic was held May 22 during the CFCS conference.		X	X	X		X	X			
Gulf of Mexico Alliance Federal Workgroup Alternate – The five Gulf coast states AES’s and CES’s membership in GOMA was accepted formally in March, 2011, and currently over 45 research and extension faculty are part of GOMA’s six Priority Issue Teams. Reuben Moore and Paul Coreil are our representatives on the Federal Workgroup, with Ron Brown and I as alternates. I attended the Gulf Research Alliance conference Jan 21-23.		X	X	X		X	X			
Southern Dairy Foods Research Consortium Advisory Committee Member – This industry/university consortium includes NCSU and MS State, and is one of four similar regional dairy consortia.		X	X	X		X	X			

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Association of Southern Region Extension Directors Liaison – I met with ASRED on Apr 11-13 and Aug 21-23.		X	X	X			X		X	
Association of 1890 Research Directors Liaison – I met with ARD on Aug 8-9.		X		X			X		X	
Best Practices Sessions – Arranged BP sessions on maintaining high-cost animal programs; internal resources reallocation; and indirect cost recovery.				X	X					
Southern Region Administrative Heads – At their request, I meet with this group at their winter meeting during the SAAS conference and the summer S-AHS/CARET meeting. Ron Brown and our chairs also attend the summer meeting. I developed a table of southern region 1862 and 1890 AHS showing title, contact information, and reporting lines relative to R, E, & T and who they report to. I met with S-AHS on Aug 28-29 and Feb 4.		X	X	X	X		X			
Southern Association of Business Officers – I interact with this group on issues usually related to reporting nationally or regionally. I meet with them once a year, either at their regional meeting in fall or the NIFA business officers conference in spring. I was not able to meet with them at either venue this year due to conflicts with other meetings.				X	X		X			
Resource Development – Advisory Committee membership (dept heads) directory on our web site was updated numerous times to maintain current contact info. A document containing college administration organizational charts for all SAAESD members was developed and is available on our web site.					X					X
Bioenergy Related Activities – In addition to the SAFER AC, I attended a field day on the feedstock Carinata at Quincy, FL hosted by Agrisoma Canada on Apr 10. I'm working with Arlen Leholm to follow up on promoting this crop as a southern feedstock. I also attended the DOE Bioenergy Conference July 10-12; Growing the Bioeconomy conference Oct 2-5 co-hosted by APLU and their Canadian and European equivalent organizations; and SEC conference on Impact of the SE in the World's Renewable Energy Future Feb 11-13.				X	X	X	X	X		
National Activities										
BAA Policy Board of Directors – I support the ESCOP representative on this BAA governing body, currently Steve Slack (Ohio State University). I met with the PBD on July 24, Nov 13, and Mar 26-27.				X			X	X	X	

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National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee – I serve as the Executive Vice-Chair of this committee, which meets once per year at USDA/ARS Beltsville. I support the Chair, currently Tom Burr (Cornell Univ) and facilitate committee activity. I met with the NPGCC on June 19 and the ASTA conference on June 20-21.		X		X	X		X	X		
BAA Committee on Legislation and Policy – All the EDs support this committee, which has only had conference calls since Sep '12.				X	X	X	X	X	X	
Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies Advisory Committee – I represent all agricultural experiment station directors on this committee. I met with AOSCA and the Advisory Committee on June 24-27.		X		X	X		X			
National Multistate Coordinating Committee – This committee includes all the regional and national executive directors, or their equivalent, for research, extension, and academic programs. I met with this group Apr 18-19		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
ESCOP – I support the three southern region members of ESCOP, our ESCOP Executive Committee member, and am a member of the ESCOP Chair's Advisory Committee. I met with ESCOP or ESCOP Exec on July 25-26, Nov 12, and Feb 25. The ESCOP CAC has monthly conference calls.		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	
ESS Workshop Program Committee – The five research ED's collaboratively developed and moderated the ESS Workshop program Sep 25-27. I was specifically responsible for the best practices session on Sustaining High-cost Research Programs.		X		X	X		X	X	X	
NRSP 7 and 4 Discussion – NRSP 7 leadership has approached NRSP 4 about the possibility of merging the two projects, as they were originally. Their initial meeting was Mar 14 during the IR-4 business meeting. At that time I was asked to facilitate further discussions between the two groups. A small joint group will be set up soon to continue exploring the possibility of a merger.		X		X	X		X	X		