

Academic Affiliates Meeting
Tuesday, 14 October 2008
Room 3150
Center Green Campus, Building 1
Boulder, CO

AAP AGENDA

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast will be available
- 7:30 Convene the 2008 meeting. Rich Clark, Millersville University
- Welcome new AAP members, Creighton University (rep - Joseph Zehnder); University of Texas at Arlington (rep - Arne Winguth)
- Re: Action Item 1.
- Introduction of attendees.
- 7:35 Remarks from Rick Anthes (UCAR President), Eric Barron, (NCAR Director), Jack Fellows (UOP Director), Cliff Jacobs (NSF), Maura Hagan (NCAR Deputy Director) followed by open discussion as time allows.
- 8:15 Diversity Issues: Quinton Williams will update the AAP on activities related to enhancing diversity across the geosciences community.
- 8:30 NCAR library update: Mary Marlino, Director of e-Science and the NCAR library. Report on the institutional repository.
- Re: Action Item 2
- 8:45 Action Items from 2007 AAP Meeting
- 1) AAP reps will access a list of H&Cs attendees and pitch them on the AAP program.
Several institutions that could potentially qualify for AAP membership have been contacted since the last meeting. We will welcome two new AAP institutions at this meeting.
 - 2) The AAP will continue dialogue with the NCAR library director on the subjects of access and needs.
A survey of AAP needs will be conducted by the NCAR library.
 - 3) Finding or creating a suitable replacement for an online Web based forecasting exercise for use in introductory courses, especially large enrollment courses.
Jack Fellows will look into the possibility that this could be something that UOP/COMET could develop
 - 4) AAP requests that the UCAR membership consider the addition of an AAP representative as an at-large member of the UCAR BOT

A faculty member from an AAP institution has been nominated to the BOT as an at-large member.

- 5) AAP will address the issue of accreditation of geosciences programs at the H&Cs meeting

This issue will be discussed at this meeting, and in a special session at the H&C's meeting. Tony Hansen, a member of the AMS BHE, will explore with AMS BHE whether the AMS has any interest in "certificating" undergraduate programs in accordance with its guidelines.

Business

9:00 AMS meteorology curriculum guidelines for a BS in Meteorology or Atmospheric Sciences will be on the AMS Board of Higher Education agenda for possible modification in 2009. The guidelines will be discussed at the AMS/AGU H&C's meeting. Tony Hansen will facilitate an open discussion on possible changes to the guidelines. Several items had been discussed at the 2007 AAP meeting. Among them, the guidelines are thought to be: 1) overly prescriptive, 2) focused on numbers of credits rather than competency, and 3) insensitive to the reality of mandated credit limitations – every 5 years when the guidelines are revisited, they seem to grow w/o any consideration of maximum credit limits.

10:15 Accreditation of geosciences programs. Open discussion about the pros and cons of accreditation. Dr. Eric Barron might be able to set the stage for this discussion during his remarks at 7:35 – 8:15 am. by providing a preview of his more in-depth presentation scheduled for the H&Cs meeting later in the week.

Additional new business and open discussion

11:00 Adjourn

End of Agenda