Bridging the Gap between 1890 and 1862 Land-Grant Institutions Agricultural Economics Programs

Purpose: To build alliances and collaborative linkages to more effectively bridge the institutional, funding, and operational gap between the 1890 and 1862 land-grants, and other institutions in agricultural economics research, teaching, and extension

Economic Research Service, Waugh Auditorium, 3rd Floor, 1800 M Street, NW

Monday, June 13

8:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast and Registration

8:30 a.m.
Welcome, Introduction, and Charge
Susan Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service, USDA

8:45 a.m.
Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Doris Newton, Economic Research Service, Vice Chair, Committee on the Opportunities and Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics

Keynote Address: Widening the Base of the Triangle: What Land-Grant Institutions Must Continue to Do
Ralph Christy, J. Thomas Clark Professor of Entrepreneurship & Personal Enterprise, Cornell University
Followed by Discussion, Q&A

9:45 a.m.
Morning Break

10:00 a.m.
General Session: Opportunities for Collaboration
Moderator: Jill Findeis, Professor, Agricultural Economics, The Pennsylvania State University

What the Future Holds
Handy Williamson, Vice Provost, International Programs and Faculty Development, University of Missouri

Collaboration on Grants
Debby Sheely, Integrated Programs Director, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Collaboration on Teaching
Jon Brandt, Department Head, Agricultural and Resource Economics, North Carolina State University

Collaboration on Extension
Richard Wootton, Director of Extension and Outreach, National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges

Opportunities for Industry Collaboration
George Othere, Vice President, Scientific Application International Corporatio

11:45 a.m.
Lunch (catered)

1:00 p.m.
General Session: Success Stories in Collaboration
Moderator: Janet Perry, Branch Chief, Animal Products, Economic Research Service

Research
Abebayehu Tegene, Senior Economist, Economic Research Service

Extension
Clint Turner, Virginia State University, Interim Dean and Extension Administrator

Student Recruitment
Verian Thomas, Associate Dean for Academic Programs, College of Engineering Sciences, Technology & Agriculture, Florida A&M University

Teaching
Alfred L. Parks, Director, Cooperative Agricultural Research, College of Agriculture, Prairie View A&M University

2:15 p.m.
Afternoon Break

2:30 p.m.
Facilitated Breakout Sessions
Opportunities for Action in Teaching
Facilitators: Jay Akridge, Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University
Dovi Alipoe, Professor of Economics/Agribusiness, Alcorn State University

Opportunities for Action in Extension
Facilitators: Ray McKinnie, Associate Dean for Extension, North Carolina A&T University
Deacue Fields III, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Economics & Rural Sociology, Auburn University

Opportunities for Action in Research
Facilitators: Dave Weatherspoon, Associate Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University
Fisseha Tegegne, Associate Professor, Tennessee State University

4:00 p.m.
Reconvene: Feedback from Breakout Sessions

5:30 p.m.
Reception at Sizzling Express Restaurant
1150 Connecticut Ave, NW (across 18th Street from ERS)
Tuesday, June 14

8:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m.
General Session: Capacity Building at 1890’s – Recent Progress and Future Opportunities
Moderator: Utpal Vasavada, Branch Chief, Production Economics & Technology, Economic Research Service

CSREES Perspective
Richard Hood, National Program Leader, Cooperative State Research, Education & Extension Service

ERS Perspective
Betsey Kuhn, Director, Food and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service

University Perspectives
Mary Marchant, Director of Undergraduate Studies for Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky

9:45 a.m.
Morning Break

10:00 a.m.
Panel: Bridging the Gap between 1890’s, 1862’s, and USDA
Moderator: Lionel Williamson, Assistant Dean for Diversity, University of Kentucky
Dawn Mellion-Patin, Assistant Professor, Southern University and A&M College
Andrew Muhammad, Assistant Professor, College of Business, Southern University and A&M College
Daniel Whitley, Deputy Manager, Black Emphasis Program, Foreign Agricultural Service
Dave Weatherspoon, Associate Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University

11:45 a.m.
Lunch (catered)

1:00 p.m.
Facilitated Breakout Sessions
Teaching: Akridge & Alipoe,
Extension: McKinnie & Fields,
Research: Weatherspoon & Tegegne

2:30 p.m.
Reconvene: Presentation of Recommendations and Future Plans by Breakout Facilitators

Response and Comments
Joseph Jen, Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics, USDA

3:15 p.m.
Afternoon Break

3:30 p.m.
Closure: Next Steps AAEA-COSBAE
Christopher Davis, Economic Research Service, Chair, Committee on the Opportunities and Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics
Colien Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

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