

**W-APS**  
**September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Zoom**  
**4:00-5:30 Mountain**

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1. **Welcome:**
2. **Attendance:** Catherine Chan, Jennifer Thompson, Chrissy Wade, Mateja Savoie Roskos, Nancy Deringer, Miaka Vuki, Wendy Fink, Jenn Horton (recording secretary).
3. **New Business**  
**CORDIS Enterprises Summer Meeting Take-a-Way** – Peggy did not attend. Topic held for a future meeting.
4. **Institutional Updates & Networking—**  
**Nancy-** attending OSU campus. Dean resigned and has only been on campus for two years. Have a new provost. President has also resigned. Enrollment is up slightly in college, but for university enrollment is flat.  
**Catherine-** two finalist for president, neither has AES experience. Updating credit system for extension and research. All positions are required to teach. Walter Bowen, AES director has resigned. With many more faculty changes. Enrolment is up 2-3% for the college, the University of Manoa is up 4%.  
**Mateja-** The Utah State Dean also stepped down recently. Interim Dean has been doing a great job and preparing for budget cuts. Have a new president that has just started her second year. Enrollment is up 6% in college. There is a new application system in the state of Utah, and results will be interesting to see. More scholarships are being offered and work continues to prepare for enrollment cliff.  
**Jennifer-** The president at MSU has announced retirement after 15 years. New academic programs in the pipe line. Today is the 15<sup>th</sup> day and still waiting on census numbers.  
**Chrissy-** Wyoming asked dean to step down. President is asking staff if interim dean is a good fit or if search should go national? Two team members have left. Undergraduate enrollment is up slightly. However, there were many students that put in housing deposit but never showed up to campus. Chrissy asked if others have ghost students? No other members have reported this yet.  
**Maika-** Guam received \$10 million dollars less of what was expected for funding. Contingencies are being put in place. The academic master plan is reducing credit requirements and adding more college partnerships. Continue to update GE program and format. Continue work on overall strategic plan. Enrollment is up from the previous fall number and this is due to a big effort made to market and promote. Enrollment is still not close to pre-enrollment numbers. Discussions continue about the Next-Gen Grants. Continue to work on the 2 plus 2 program with the college of Micronesia. The track that was chooses has less science content. Today's faculty development is on AI. The other area of interest is cyber security. The university is looking at incorporating into circular and contribute to work force.  
**Wendy-**Annual meeting, scheduled November 10-12. Some of the following agenda items to focus on best practices for faculty sharing and faculty retention. Wendy will send more information before the meeting. The other main session will focus on agInnovation pillars. agInnovation has been working on three pillars: water security, sustainable food systems. Workforce development is a consistent across all three pillars and they have reached out to Academic Programs. One project currently funded by agInnovation is AG-Engine. The next meeting is AC staff development Feb 10-12, 2025 in Arizona. More information to come on a website soon. Travel costs will be available. There is no clarity in the federal government picture. A continuing resolution would fund the government past September 30<sup>th</sup>, but no movement yet. The Farm Bill is not looking great, but it could be passed before the end of the year.

Ricardo is stepping down at the end of the year to move to Mexico.

5. **Next W-APS meetings— 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month**  
2024: 10 October, 14 November, 12 December  
2025: 09 Jan, 13 Feb, 13 March, 10 April, 08 May, 12 June, 10 July
6. **Adjourn**

**Calendar of Events and Important Notices**

Event	Date	Notes
APS Innovative Teaching Award	03 October 2023	The APS Innovative Teaching Awards happen twice a year, with deadlines on Oct. 3 and April 3.
FALCON Conference	11-13 October 2024	Invited by John Phillips. Minneapolis, Minnesota
APLU Annual Conference	10-12 November 2024	Orlando, Florida
W-APS Staff Development	FEB 10-12, 2025	Arizona