

Changing the Culture of Science in Research Universities

In August the Clinton administration sent a message to the scientific community: Link your work more closely to the country's economic and social well-being or risk losing public support.

Another message in the report, *Science in the National Interest*, calls for academic research institutions to renew their basic mission of education, to "produce the finest scientists and engineers for the 21st century" and "raise the scientific and technological literacy of all Americans."

Late last month AAAS hosted a weekend forum in Washington for 50 deans and administrators who oversee undergraduate science programs at the nation's major research universities, to discuss changing needs and priorities. Common concerns included how to attract and retain students from diverse backgrounds, reward faculty for good teaching, better educate non-science majors, and train future science teachers.

New York University's Alice Huang, one of the organizers, said the Science Deans' Colloquium—funded by the National Science Foundation—was intended to fill an information gap. There's an organization for deans of engineering schools but no similar group for science deans, she noted.

"We're all reinventing the wheel," said Harry Morrison of Purdue University. "We rush to communicate research results, but we aren't communicating about undergraduate education programs that work."

Attendees heard about some initiatives underway:

- Purdue's School of Science has an outreach program, modeled on the agricultural extension system, that provides discipline-based support to K-12 science teachers. Paid coordinators reduce the administrative burden.

- Georgia Tech sponsors a vast network of programs for pre-college teachers and students through its Center for Education

Integrating Science, Mathematics, and Computing.

- Concerned about failure and attrition rates of its freshmen, Carnegie Mellon's College of Science started an early intervention program last year. Dean Susan Henry said results so far are encouraging; freshmen on probation in the 1993 fall semester shrank by half and those on the dean's list doubled.

- Penn State revamped some sections of freshman calculus for students at risk of failing, using the standard syllabus and exams but limiting class size to 30 and assigning the most experienced teachers. After those students did academically better than their counterparts in large sections and reported greater satisfaction, the concept was expanded to other basic science courses, according to dean Gregory Geoffroy.

Deans from Purdue, Carnegie Mellon, and the University of Minnesota said there's growing demand from liberal arts faculties on their campuses for interdisciplinary science courses with lab experiences. Cornell University's Peter Bruns said for science majors, integrated lab classes that stress broad problem-solving are a good model for the teamwork required in modern research.

But classroom labs are expensive. And rigid departmental boundaries work against collaborative teaching. "Faculty are excited by all the new stuff in their field and are committed to the old stuff, and they have trouble letting go," said Paul Magee of Minnesota's Twin Cities campus.

Being a good researcher and a good teacher isn't fundamentally inconsistent, the deans agreed. But in practice, many acknowledged, a chasm exists. "We constantly send the message that we reward research first," said the University of Michigan's Joseph Marino. He said his division now awards about 10% of faculty bonuses each year based on quality

of instruction. Doyle Daves of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute said his office reserves up to a quarter of the money for raises to recognize teaching excellence.

Given the uncertainties of research funding—and the need to have more scientifically trained leaders in all sectors of society—educating science students for broader career options was of interest. Another challenge: how to steer more students to pre-college teaching. "What needs to take place," said Luther Williams of NSF's education directorate, "is bringing deans of science and deans of education together."

He described a new NSF grant program for junior science faculty to spur their involvement in K-12 school reform issues such as curriculum design and technology instruction.

Williams, echoing a statement from M.R.C. Greenwood of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, told the deans their schools must break from primarily serving science majors "and providing a second-order experience for everyone else."

There was consensus that a regular mechanism for communication is needed. A group volunteered to plan another meeting to discuss some of the issues in depth.

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Center to Expand Links with Congress

Through a new center established officially this month, AAAS will expand its work of providing members of Congress and their staffs with nonpartisan, up-to-date information on science and technology issues.

The Center for Science, Technology, and Congress is housed in the Directorate for Science and Policy Programs, headed by Al Teich. It builds on congressional activities being done by the directorate and takes over those of the Carnegie Commission on Science, Technology, and Government.

Senior program associate Bonnie Bisol Cassidy said, "When the commission completed its work, it sought a new home for the program. AAAS was the obvious choice because of its mission and experience."

Funding is provided by a two-year, \$470,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Among its activities, the center will publish the newsletter *Science & Technology in Congress*, write issue briefs and special reports, and hold seminars and orientations for congressional staff.

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Call for Council Resolutions

The next meeting of the AAAS Council will take place during the AAAS Annual Meeting at the Atlanta Marriott in Atlanta, Georgia, on 19 February 1995. Individuals or organizations wishing to present proposals or resolutions for consideration by the Council should submit them in written form to AAAS Executive Officer Richard S. Nicholson by 15 November 1994.

Items should be consistent with AAAS's objectives and appropriate for consideration by the Council. Resolutions should be in the traditional format, beginning with "Whereas" statements and concluding with "Therefore be it resolved."

The Committee on Council Affairs will hold its open hearing on submitted items at 2:30 p.m., 18 February at the Atlanta Marriott. Late proposals or resolutions delivered to the Executive Officer before 18 February will be considered if they deal with urgent matters and are accompanied by a written explanation of why they were not submitted by the deadline.

Summaries of the Council meeting agenda will be available during the Annual Meeting at the AAAS headquarters office and the information desk. The full agenda also will be available.

AAAS Members Distinguished for Contributions to Science

In September the AAAS Council elected 297 members as Fellows of AAAS. These individuals will be recognized for their contributions to science at the Fellows Forum to be held on 18 February 1995 during the AAAS Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. The new Fellows will receive a certificate and a blue and gold rosette pin as a symbol of their distinguished accomplishments. Presented by section affiliations, they are:

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