



FSLI Encore Pre-Conference Leadership Seminar Hyatt Denver Convention Center, Denver, CO November 5, 2022

The pre-conference seminar of the FSLI Encore was held on November 5th, 2022 at the Hyatt Denver Convention Center, Denver, CO prior to the APLU Annual Meeting. The seminar, “Exploring Leadership Pathways” began at 8:30 am with a welcome and introductions from Cohort 16 team, who helped plan the event; Rich Bischoff, University of Nebraska, Tracy Dougher, Montana State University, Jason Ellis, Kansas State University, Ami Smith, West Virginia University, Elisabeth Strand, University of Tennessee, Jeannette Thurston, Kansas State University, and Deb VanOverbeke, Oklahoma State University.

There were twenty-nine FSLI Fellows in attendance representing twenty-two different Universities. At least one representative from most of the cohorts attended.



Jeanette Thurston began the meeting by introducing the “Keynote Speaker” panel of speakers. The speakers included; Sonny Ramaswamy, President Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities; Alton Thompson, Executive Director Association of 1890 Research directors and Linda Martin, Interim Chancellor at the University of Tennessee

Southern. They each took turns speaking on their road to leadership and gave their vision for cultivating new leaders



After a short break a second panel of leaders explained programs, strategies and recommendations going forward for leadership development programs. They shared impacts and perspectives on their future direction as well.



The second panel was made up of; John Phillips, Executive Director, First Americans Land-Grant Consortium (FALCON); George Smith, Director of AgBioResearch and Senior Associate Dean for Research, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Michigan State University, Rich Bischoff, Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty and Academic Leader Success, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Robin Shepard, Executive Director for the North Central Cooperative Extension Association (NCCEA)

After a discussion with those in attendance the group reorganized into a “World Café” for a working lunch.

The results were reported out at the end. The summaries are added to the FSLI Website under “Encore”.

The workshop finished at 3:30 pm