Thursday, March 21, 2013

Workshop Session 3

Time of Session: 1:30-3:00PM

Session Title: HAZUS & Other Planning Tools

A. Advancing Disaster Resistant University Planning Beyond the Basic Requirements

    Speaker: Melanie Gall, Louisiana State University

B. A Unique Collaborative Process for Developing a DRU

    Speakers: John Buechler and Laura Danielson, The Polis Center

Room: 250

Head Count: 28

Note Taker: Mallikharjuna Reddy Avula
Notes: A. Advancing Disaster Resistant University Beyond the Basic Requirements

- This presentation is on LSU DRU Plan
- LSU has DRU plan including all its campuses
  - Alexandria
  - Baton Rouge
    - LSU AgCenter
    - Pennington Biomedical Research Center
    - Paul M. Hebert Law Center
  - Eunice
  - Shreveport
- Organization setup for DRU Plan comprises of
  - Technical working group
  - Advisory group
  - Planning group
  - GOHSEP support
- Separate sections for each chapters
- Following steps are followed for preparation of LSU DRU Plan
  - Campus input participation
    - Outreach strategy
    - Surveys
    - Communication strategy
    - Visualization strategy
  - Student involvement
  - Data collection
    - Surveys
    - Archival research
    - Inventories
      - Buildings
      - Chemical
  - Predictive Modeling
    - Utilization of HAZUS-MH
    - Climate change
    - This resulted in some level of forecasting and not extensive forecasting
  - Privilege information from DRU Plan is protected from public
- Levees failure modeling applied to visualize the scenario in the university
- Planning for a University
  - Data not readily available
  - Opportunity for beneficial spin offs
  - Highlight state response and other state related activities
  - Bases mitigation actions on facts, i.e risk assessment
- Q&A
  - Q: Is there any consideration given for interaction of your plan with local government?
  - A: Yes, we have done all the required meetings and our plan is prepared by considering regulations at all levels.