

CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Bureau of Agricultural Education
Staff Meeting Minutes

September 30, 1965
Sacramento, California

Present

S. L. Barrett
K. B. Cutler
E. D. Graf
G. A. Hutchings
W. J. Maynard
R. H. Pedersen
J. E. Walker
D. E. Wilson

Guests

James Beckett
H. H. Burlingham
E. M. Juergenson
O. E. Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Dave Graf, Acting Chief.

JC Consultant
in Agriculture

Mr. Wesley P. Smith reviewed with the staff the function of the agricultural education consultant who will be assigned to the Junior College Section.

The consultant will be considered a member of the Bureau of Agricultural Education in staff functions. However, in line functions, he will be under the jurisdiction of the Junior College Section.

It was recommended that the Bureau of Agricultural Education staff contact eligible men, who might be interested in the consultant position, and urge them to submit their applications.

AB 95, Article 5
School Eye Safety

Copies of this bill have been sent to each high school and junior high school by Dr. Robert Woodward. Our staff is to remind vo-ag teachers of the bill and its contents.

Agricultural Educa-
tion Advisory
Committee

The next meeting of the committee will be held in Gridley on October 9th. The staff discussed the proper function of the committee in line with developing an approach on how to utilize the committee more effectively. Instead of listening to reports by various staff and advisory committee members, it was suggested that in the future the Bureau should present issues, programs, and concerns to the committee members and request their guidance in seeking solutions.

National FFA

The report of the July 26-30, 1965 meeting of the National Board of Trustees of the FFA Foundation was discussed. It was noted that many recommendations submitted by California, in response to the National FFA Board survey, had been "side-tracked".

Committee Report
on New Programs

See attachment #1 for the report of the committee.

Twelve complete sets of instructional materials, developed by the National Research Center, have been ordered by Mr. Graf. A complete set will be placed in the office of each regional supervisor and teacher trainer.

It was recommended that time be devoted during the November staff meeting to further defining the committee's responsibilities and to determining the areas which need study.

Each committee member is to report on an area for study at the next staff meeting. Areas to be considered are: Farm Power, Forestry and Recreation, Agri-business, and Ornamental Horticulture.

March Staff
Meeting Dates

Since the Pacific Regional Meeting on Agricultural Education will be held in the State of Washington on the dates previously scheduled for the March staff meeting, the staff meeting has been changed to February 23, 24, 25, 1966.

Changes in the
Agricultural
Education Program
at UC, Davis

Dr. Orville Thompson reported on the changes in department structure at the University of California, Davis Campus. Agricultural Education has been placed in the Department of Family and Consumer Science. This department will be headed by Dr. Hill, and will cover four sections, namely:

AG ED and DEVELOPMENT - headed by Dr. Thompson
HOME EC - CONSUMER SCIENCE
HOME EC - NUTRITION
HOME EC - CONSUMER - ECONOMICS

Agricultural Teacher Training will be under the AG ED and DEVELOPMENT section and will be handled by Dr. Juergenson.

The change in the department will step up research in Social Sciences as they pertain to agriculture. Dr. Thompson outlined the staff to be added to implement the objectives of the change.

Research and
Studies in Ag Ed
at Davis

Dr. Thompson reported on some Ag Ed research studies presently under way at Davis. Among these are:

1. Barriers to Adult Learning - Dr. Bob Barnes.
2. Student Value Studies - this study, in its fourth year, is being conducted by Dr. Thompson.
3. Problems of Young Homemakers - Dr. Wiggins.
4. Pilot Study on the Characteristics of Migrant Farm Laborers - Jim Beckett.

Proposed Studies:

1. How to teach manual skills to pre-school children.
2. Development of a master plan for Agricultural Education to be conducted under a US grant.

State Plan
Revision

Mr. Walker reported on the State Plan Revision Committee meeting.

- a. He has recommended that the State Plan include the recommendations of the Bureau Teacher Training Committee.
- b. The eight occupational fields are to write up their own units.
 - (1) Agriculture has been written up by J. E. Walker.
- c. Any suggestions for revisions for the State Plan should go to Mr. Walker.

MDTA

Mr. Graf reported that the Bureau will continue to be involved in MDTA programs. He briefly discussed individual referrals as well as the groundsman-gardener and milker programs.

While we might be relieved of some of the paper work, we should retain the right to approve or disapprove the agricultural training portion of the program.

VEA Projects

The next deadline for applications is November 15. Announcements should go out to the schools the first week in October.

Construction will receive low priority.

In order to avoid supplanting, each school must not reduce its vocational agriculture offerings or reduce the amount of local money expended for vocational education.

Check with Mr. Graf on the interpretation of buying land.

We do not have the answer as to whether or not VEA money can be used for improvements on land already owned by a local district.

FFA Scholarship
Committee

The FFA Scholarship Committee will meet on March 23-24, 1966 (noon to noon) in San Luis Obispo. The members are: Wilson, Walker, Hutchings, Cutler, and the new Special Supervisor.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Pedersen

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BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Attachment #1

Committee Meeting on New Programs
in Agricultural Education

September 30, 1965
Sacramento
Room 411

Present

K. B. Cutler, Chairman
E. M. Juergenson
R. H. Pedersen
H. H. Burlingham, Secretary pro tem

Chairman Cutler opened the meeting with a review of materials being prepared through the Center for Vocational and Technical Education, Ohio State University, in the area of "Off-Farm Agricultural Occupations." Special reference was made to the materials now becoming available in the nature of courses of study. The list of "Off-Farm Agricultural Occupations" and the preliminary course outlines compiled at the 1965 CATA Conference by the Professional Section chaired by Messrs. Cutler and Ronald Regan, were mentioned.

Possibilities for study by the committee and possible scope of activity were briefly discussed:

1. The question of the total scope, purpose, and function of the committee was raised.
2. Another item mentioned was the possibility of establishing a central source of materials and evaluations.
3. VEA project possibilities were mentioned. The sources of funds for manpower and materials to carry out the purpose and the activities approved for action by the Bureau of Agricultural Education.
4. Activity of California in organized work with established pilot programs, and similar activities were discussed.

In order that the committee may operate most effectively, it is believed that the purpose and responsibility of the committee should be carefully outlined. The members of the committee suggest for thought by the staff that the function of this committee might be to:

1. Consider in depth for the purpose of initiating, stimulating, and recommending action on program possibilities; to perform as a "think factory" and a catalytic agent for advancement and extension of programs.
 - a. Identify and review new resource material.
 - b. Identify the needs of teachers for in-service training.
 - c. Receive suggestions and identify the needs such as pilot programs and studies which need follow-up.
 - d. Act as a sounding board for consideration of any innovation or other need to improve or extend instructional programs in agricultural education.

Possibilities for program emphasis in the 1966 CATA Conference were discussed.