

AGRICULTURAL VOCATIONAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Sacramento CA

MINUTES OF AUGUST 23-24, 1982

Members present August 23:

Patrick Emery, Vice Chairperson
Joe Camarillo
Jack Chappell
Jan Eberly
Mark Linder
Joe Martinez
Tracy Schortman
Laura Tower

Members not present:

Kenneth Aoyama
David Austin
Jack Richardson
John Thurman
Robert Trigg
Marden Wilber

Staff Present:

Sandy Beck
Jerry Biggs
Patricia Langlin
Genevieve Marsden
Don Wilson

Others present for all or part of the meeting:

Ken Harris, California Agricultural Teachers Association, Sacramento

The August 23rd meeting was held in the Board Room, California Farm Bureau Federation, 1601 Exposition Boulevard, Sacramento. It was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Patrick Emery. He thanked Mark Linder for permitting the committee to use the Farm Bureau Federation facilities.

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Patrick Emery asked for comments and corrections on these minutes. Page 4 of the minutes indicated that the Department of Education had made no response to a written request for their reaction to the Biggs Committee Report. There was a question about who had asked for the response and to whom it had been directed. Laura Tower said she had written to Pat Langlin on July 7, 1982. (See Attachment 1 for full text of the letter.) Mrs. Tower said

she had not received a response to the letter.

Joe Martinez asked that the minutes be corrected to show he was present at both the July 19 and 20 meetings.

There was a question about the sentence on page 4 regarding the group working independently of other staff members. After a brief discussion, the Committee decided to strike this sentence from the minutes.

The motion and action on page 4 were discussed. Patrick Emery requested deletion of the first wording of the motion and the words...."More discussion and debate followed:".

These corrections were discussed, and

MOTION: It was moved by Mark Linder, seconded by Joe Martinez, that these corrections be made to the Minutes of the July 19-20, 1982 meeting and that the minutes be approved as corrected.

ACTION: Motion passed.

(See Attachment 2.)

Concern was expressed again about the absence of Department representatives and Committee members. Pat Langlin stated she and the Department were being kept up to date on the Committee's work by receiving and reading copies of the minutes. She also said she has had discussions with Don Wilson; so the Committee does not have to make a special effort to keep her informed. She said Don Wilson will keep her up to date when she can not attend Committee meetings.

Patrick Emery distributed copies of a letter addressed to the SB 187 Committee by Harry Maddux, a vocational agriculture instructor at Chowchilla High School (see Attachment 3).

Mr. Emery mentioned the "Revised Product Standards", prepared by Dr. Joe Sabol, which Don Wilson had mailed to the Committee members on August 12, 1982 (see Attachment 4). Everyone present had a copy, and the Committee discussed the revisions later in the meeting.

Laura Tower brought up the Supervised Occupational Experience Program study by the University of California at Davis. Jan Eberly said Dr. James Leising would provide a copy for the Committee.

Consideration of Additional Information on Funding

Patrick Emery asked Sandy Beck to continue with his presentation on the funding of ROPs. Sandy Beck and Jerry Biggs had talked to the Committee on July 19th about this subject, and the members requested additional information. Sandy Beck briefly reviewed the material previously presented and indicated it will be difficult to obtain actual expenditure figures on ROP/Cs, not only

for Agricultural Education, but for other subject matter areas as well. He distributed copies of "an idea for obtaining the information on ROC/P financing", see Attachment 5).

A discussion followed on the difficulty of obtaining the material requested by the Committee. Pat Langlin emphasized the sensitivity of this issue. There is nothing at present in the law, rules, or regulations which requires the administrators of ROP/Cs to submit reports on a breakdown of expenditures. Anything the Department might obtain would have to be "volunteered" by these administrators. It is highly unlikely they will do that. To get even a limited survey started, Pat Langlin said she would have to write a special letter to specific ROP administrators, requesting permission for specific Vocational Education staff members to contact them and seek out this information.

Sandy Beck indicated that at the present time, ROP funds do not have to be spent on Vocational Education. There probably would be no problem finding out how much money goes to ROPs, but there will be real difficulty determining exactly how much money the ROPs spend on specific vocational education subject matter areas and the different categories within those areas.

There was a discussion of the cost of conducting even a limited survey of ROPs in an attempt to get these figures. Pat Langlin said she has a very small staff, and it will take a lot of time and effort to get the ROP administrators to "volunteer" information that could lead to the Department being able to give an estimate of what is now being spent and how it is being spent in the ROPs.

Other people have indicated concern about this. Patrick Johnston, Assemblyman from the 25th District, has expressed interest and is now proposing legislation that would require a report to the Legislature on the cost of these individual programs. Mrs. Langlin said if such legislation is enacted, the Department will have a legal right to request such information.

Very few reports have been made on ROPs. Those few available usually list only the total amount of money received and the total spent. There is never any breakdown of these figures so that it can be determined exactly how much is spent in each area. Sandy Beck believes some of the ROP directors do want direction and help in resisting pressure to spend these funds on programs for which they are not intended.

There was a discussion on all funding for vocational education. Laura Tower mentioned CACVE's "Twelfth Annual Report FY 1980-81", an excerpt of which had been distributed previously to the Committee (see Attachment 6).

Ken Harris believes the Committee should consider (a) how much money generated by ROPs could be earmarked specifically for Agricultural Education; (b) how much money is needed for a quality Agricultural Education program; and (c) where funding could be obtained to cover the difference.

Patrick Emery indicated Sandy Beck's proposal will be helpful if Pat Langlin will agree to it. He stated the Committee is not equipped to come up with

sources of funding, and the Department will have to provide the answers to Ken Harris's questions.

Pat Langlin said the Committee will have to tell her exactly what it needs. She will then have to decide if the Department has the resources (staff and fiscal) to do it, but she must have specifics.

It was pointed out that the Beck proposal suggests a fiscal analysis of on-site ROP books by Bill Anderson, Jerry Levendowski, or Mike Rielley. Mrs. Langlin said they have other commitments and assignments, and it will be difficult to add further to their heavy workloads.

The meeting recessed briefly at 8:05 p.m. Patrick Emery reconvened the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Further discussion centered on "quality" vo-ag programs; costs; money going to agriculture programs from all sources; the amount of money available for redirection; double ADA; and vocational funds being spent on other than vocational programs.

Joe Martinez brought up cooperative funding, involving the Agriculture Industry and the Department of Education. Pat Langlin said this is possible and mentioned working with UAW and General Motors on another project at the present time. Mr. Martinez believes this could open up a "negotiating process" with the Department on vocational agriculture funding. Sandy Beck said the Agriculture Industry would want a voice in what is being taught and how it is taught.

Patrick Emery returned to Pat Langlin's comment that she needs to know exactly what the Committee wants. He asked for Committee action.

MOTION: It was moved by Jan Eberly, seconded by Tracy Schortman, that the State Director of Vocational Education be requested to provide the Committee with (a) a breakdown of ROP funds, indicating how much is allocated for Vocational Education and how much is spent for specific Vocational Education programs; (b) how much could be earmarked for Agricultural Education; and (c) the cost of a quality Vocational Education program in Agriculture with standards.

ACTION: Motion passed.

Pat Langlin reiterated that she and her staff will have to do the ROP survey because of the sensitive nature of this issue. She also stated she did not want to be the one to decide what a quality program for Agricultural Education is or to determine the cost. Don Wilson indicated he and the Agricultural Education staff could come up with that figure if they know what kind of standards and delivery system the Committee is going to recommend.

The discussion continued about the difficulty of surveying ROPs, a timeline for supplying the information the Committee has requested, the ability of

the Department to use any information that might already be in print. Laura Tower asked about VOICE. Pat Langlin gave a description of it and the process for using it, the materials, and information available through the Vocational and Occupational Information Center for Educators.

Pat Langlin reported she would be unable to attend the entire meeting on Tuesday, but she would come in when possible.

The meeting recessed at 9:15 p.m.

Reconvene - Tuesday, August 24

The meeting reconvened at 8:20 a.m., in Room 116-A, State Education Building, 721 Capitol Mall, Sacramento. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Patrick Emery.

Members present:

Patrick Emery, Vice Chairperson
Joe Camarillo
Jack Chappell
Jan Eberly
Mark Linder
Tracy Schortman
Robert Trigg
Laura Tower

Members not present:

Kenneth Aoyama
David Austin
Jack Richardson
John Thurman
Marden Wilber
Joe Martinez

Staff present:

Jerry Biggs
Pat Langlin
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Don Wilson

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Ken Harris, California Agricultural Teachers Association, Sacramento
Naomi Hauter, Science Teacher, San Juan School District, Sacramento

Staff Reports

Patrick Emery discussed Pat Langlin's absence, indicated he had hoped she would be available for further discussion of the Committee's need for the ROP funding material and the pressing timeline. He then asked Don Wilson to report to the Committee.

Mr. Wilson mentioned the discussion at the last meeting of the two proposals presented by the Agricultural Education staff to Pat Langlin. He indicated that neither of these was acceptable to the Department; that he had been directed to submit a list of five Regional Supervisors to remain in Agricultural Education and two Regional Supervisors who would be assigned to straight Vocational Education positions. He was to do this by August 10. He contacted all of the Regional Supervisors. None wanted to make the move. Under protest, Don Wilson recommended to Pat Langlin, on August 10, the two who were to be reassigned. On August 19, Don Wilson received a memo that one of those was not satisfactory for several reasons. Don Wilson stated he had responded in writing to Mrs. Langlin, indicating he felt he had fulfilled the request to designate staff for reassignment.

Patrick Emery asked how all of this complied with Senator Nielsen's initial recommendations. Mr. Wilson indicated he believes that either of the staff proposals would have met the Senator's recommendations. Upon a direct question, Don Wilson replied he did not believe there had been any contact with the Senator about this.

At Patrick Emery's request, Don Wilson explained the two staff proposals. Joe Camarillo believes the 5/7 - 2/7 proposal should be accepted by the Department, and he asked how this could be brought to the attention of Senator Nielsen. Mr. Wilson replied he did not know but suggested that the Committee discuss a delivery system and make a recommendation.

Patrick Emery stated the Committee had gone on record at its April 23rd meeting that the Agricultural Vocational Education Unit created by SB 187 include seven regional supervisors, but the Committee did not indicate how the regional supervisors' time should be divided. He thought the matter had been taken care of. He believes this is an internal matter, but if the Department can't work this out for the good of Agricultural Education, the Committee should get into this. Joe Camarillo said he has not been looking at anything but seven regional supervisors. He has not considered the division of their time, but he has never considered five.

Laura Tower wants all recommendations from the Committee to be put into a total package. She does not want the Committee to submit one recommendation at a time.

Mr. Emery asked if there had been an agreement with Senator Nielsen on a timeline. Mr. Wilson replied he had heard the Senator knows that progress is being made and has indicated he would like the issues resolved prior to the election.

Jack Chappell expressed deep concern about what five regional supervisors will do to the program and indicated he believes it will present real problems. Joe Camarillo believes the Senator should review both of the proposals submitted by the Agricultural Education staff. Patrick Emery asked the Committee to put this issue aside until Pat Langlin was present. He indicated Laura Tower had requested some direction on contacting Senator Nielsen and Assemblyman Waters to appear before the Committee. Mrs. Tower said she does not want to cross over the line and intrude on the Department's prerogatives and

operations. Patrick Emery asked if the Committee did intend to ask Senator Nielsen to appear before it. Jack Chappell, Tracy Schortman, and Jan Eberly stated they believe this was the Committee's intention. Mr. Chappell again asked if the Committee would insist on a Department response to the direction in which the Committee is proceeding. Patrick Emery referred to Mrs. Tower's letter of July 7 and again indicated there has been no reply.

MOTION: It was moved by Joe Camarillo, seconded by Mark Linder, that Senator Nielsen and Assemblyman Waters be invited to the next Committee meeting and be given time on the agenda; that the State Director of Vocational Education be requested to respond to the recommendations on Program Standards which the Committee will have devised by the end of the current meeting.

ACTION: Motion passed.

Patrick Emery requested Laura Tower to put this in a letter to Pat Langlin and indicate that Senator Nielsen will be invited to attend the next meeting. Mark Linder believes the Committee should ask that the Senator attend either the evening meeting on September 27 or the all-day meeting on September 28. Mrs. Tower was requested to call the Senator immediately to get an exact date and time when he will be able to appear. Mrs. Tower asked about Assemblyman Waters. Joe Camarillo and Jan Eberly believe he should be present also.

Jerry Biggs inquired about the funding issue and asked if the Committee intends to call these Legislators in before this information is available. Patrick Emery believes it should be done now; that they be informed what the Committee has been doing; that it is seeking information on funding but does not have it yet.

Mrs. Tower asked about the lead time for presenting information to the State Board. Mark Linder believes contact with the State Board may be premature at this time. He believes the Committee should get responses from Mrs. Langlin and the Legislature now. Tracy Schortman agreed. Mr. Linder does believe that a date should be obtained to make the presentation to the Board, and Mr. Emery agreed. He believes the Committee should ask for a spot on the Board's November agenda. Mr. Camarillo agreed. Mr. Wilson pointed out the State Board is having problems right now. Two members have been rejected by the Senate, and another new member is up for confirmation. Mr. Emery asked that Laura Tower personally contact the head of the State Board, or address letters to each of the Board members, indicating the existence of the Committee and that it will soon want to make an appearance to present recommendations required by SB 187.

MOTION: It was moved by Joe Camarillo, seconded by Tracy Schortman, that Laura Tower personally contact the President of the State Board of Education, or address letters to each of the Board members, informing the Board of the Committee's existence and

requesting a spot on a future agenda to present recommendations the Committee has developed as a result of Senate Bill 187.

ACTION: Motion passed.

Consideration of Operational Program Standares Numbers 5-15, Inclusive

Standards Numbers 1-4 inclusive were considered and revised at the July 19-20, 1982 meeting. Patrick Emery asked the Committee to continue with the review, starting with Standard No. 5: Each was discussed. Robert Trigg again emphasized his belief that adoption of these standards will increase the cost of a vo-ag program. Several Committee members agreed but stressed the impossibility of maintaining quality programs without them. Several revisions were suggested, and

ACTION: The Commtitee voted to accept Operational Program Standards 5 through 14 inclusive with the revisions recommended by the Committee (see Attachment 7).

ACTION: The Committee voted to delete Standard No. 15 and consider it at a later time, possibly in the Out-reach Program.

Mr. Emery asked that the necessary editing be done on these revisions, that the standards be re-typed in their present form. He also requested a separate listing of the Minimum Compliance Criteria (see Attachments 8, 9, and 10).

The meeting recessed at 11:45 a.m. for lunch. It reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Patrick Emery passed out copies of Laura Tower's letter of July 7 (see Attachment 1).

Don Wilson reported he had just talked with Pat Langlin regarding the supervisor reassignments he had reported upon earlier to the Committee. She now indicates they are satisfactory to the Department. Mr. Wilson said Mrs. Langlin would be attending the meeting shortly and respond to any questions the Committee members might have.

Revised Product Standards

Dr. Joe Sabol, at the Committee's request, revised these Product Standards, and Don Wilson mailed copies to the Committee members on August 12. Patrick Emery indicated he still objects to these. If they are really necessary, he and Mark Linder believe they should be incorporated into the Operational Standards. It was pointed out by staff that they serve as an accountability technique. Jan Eberly said facts and figures are required to show the Agricultural Education program is working. These standards help to provide this information and serve as a tool to use in preventing future "rip-offs" or redirection of vocational agriculture funds.

ACTION: The Committee voted to use Product Standard No. 1 as Standard No. 15 in the Operational Program

Standards, after revising the Minimum Compliance Criteria.

Standard No. 2 was revised, edited, and made a part of Operational Program Standard No. 4.

Standard No. 3 was deleted.

Standard No. 4 was revised, edited, and added to Operational Program Standard No. 12

(See Attachment 7.)

The meeting recessed briefly at 3:10 p.m.

Patrick Emery reconvened the meeting. Naomi Hauter joined the group at 3:30 p.m. She explained her work with the Department of Food and Agriculture this Summer to develop supplemental curriculum to change the image, and the public's awareness, of Agriculture and its use of pesticides. The material will be used in major urban schools, at the Junior High School level.

Pat Langlin joined the group. Patrick Emery explained the Committee had completed its work on the Standards; that there is some editing to be done. When this has been completed, and the standards have been re-typed, she should review them and give the Committee the Department's reaction to the standards at the September meeting of the Committee.

Mrs. Langlin indicated she had discussed the Committee's request for ROP allocation and expenditure figures with Mike Rielle. While it will be difficult, she believes they can come up with "ballpark figures" which the Committee can use. Don Wilson can be working at the same time on the cost of a quality vocational agriculture program.

Pat Langlin mentioned the "Nielsen Agreement" about five regional supervisors being assigned, one hundred percent, to Agricultural Education, and two of the regional supervisors being assigned, full-time, to Vocational Education Consultant positions. She said she insists on following this and mentioned difficulty in accepting Don Wilson's recommendation of Sandy Beck and Warren Reed for reassignment. She said she will accept it, but she believes it presents several problems, particularly with travel because of restrictions and reductions in funds allocated for this purpose. She plans to call a meeting as soon as possible with the Regional Coordinators, Beck, and Reed in an attempt to work this out.

Patrick Emery questioned her about seven Agricultural Education regions being served by only five people. Mrs. Langlin said she and Don Wilson are still discussing this; that the assignments can be negotiated, but at present, she does not know the answer. When asked about a timeline, she indicated the timeline was not definite at this time.

Jack Chappell asked who in Sandy Beck's region would be the FFA Advisor. Mrs. Langlin replied she did not know; that Don Wilson will have to answer

that. Mr. Chappell said this is going to be a real problem, and Mrs. Langlin agreed. Jan Eberly asked, if Beck or Reed retire or resign, would they be replaced by someone with an agricultural background. Mrs. Langlin indicated they probably would not. Considerable discussion followed, with several Committee members expressing deep concern about the reduction of the Agricultural Education staff and the possibility of going back to the Legislature to get the two positions returned to Agricultural Education.

The matter of surveying or sampling ROPs for allocation and expenditure figures was discussed again, as was the funding of a quality vocational agriculture program.

Next Meeting

It was decided that the next meeting will be held on the evening of Monday, September 27 and all day on Tuesday, September 28, 1982. Mark Linder again invited the Committee to meet in the California Farm Bureau Federation Board Room, 1601 Exposition Boulevard, Sacramento on the evening of September 27. The Committee accepted this invitation. Don Wilson agreed to make arrangements for the Committee to meet all day Tuesday, September 28 in the Fourth Floor Conference Room, State Education Building, 721 Capitol Mall, Sacramento. This has been done.

Agenda for September Meeting

The Committee voted to include the following items on the agenda for the September meeting:

- Response of the Department of Education to Laura Tower's letter of July 7, 1982 requesting:
 - a. Reaction to the Biggs Committee Report and the Standards as revised by the Committee
 - b. Process to be used by the Committee to report to the State Board of Education and the Legislature on the Committee's progress and recommendations
- Reaction to the Committee's work to date - Senator James Nielsen
- Reaction to the Committee's work to date - Assemblyman Norman Waters
- Discussion of the delivery system and how it is to be implemented
- Continuation of the discussion on funding

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.