

California Association FFA
STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the State FFA Advisory Committee commenced at 9:05 a.m. on Monday, February 12, 2002, at the Best Western in Tulare. Present were Roy Beck, Central Region Representative; Donelle McCallister, North Coast Region Representative; Ralph Mendes, San Joaquin Region Representative; Ken Watje, South Coast Region Representative; Dave Caetano, San Joaquin Region Representative; Hugh Mooney, Central Region Representative; and Charles Parker, Assistant State FFA Advisor.

Mooney/Beck moved and seconded that the minutes from the September 25, 2001 FFA Advisory Committee Meeting be approved. Motion passed by voice vote.

Agricultural Education Update

Mr. Parker gave a brief update on the status of agricultural education in California. The highlights of his presentation included an update on the Governor's Budget proposal and its effect on agricultural education as well as the latest on the travel freeze.

National FFA Convention Trip

McCallister/Mooney moved and seconded that the California FFA Advisory Committee draft a letter recommending that the National FFA develop a Code of Conduct for all participants who attend the National FFA Convention. Statement should state that by registering for the convention the participant agrees to abide by the Code of Conduct. The code should address a standard curfew, appropriate safety rules and procedures as well as emergency processes. Motion passed by voice vote.

The committee also asked that Tom Munter inquire about receiving lower floors at the Galt House. This would allow us to enforce the use of stairs thus reducing overcrowding in the slow elevators.

Furthermore committee would forward a recommendation to Mr. Heuvel to inquire at the National level if it is possible for the career show to remain open Saturday morning. This would help provide something for the participants to do during the long American Degree Program.

Committee recommended that a policy be established in addressing emergency situations. This policy should include were to meet, remember to take your jacket, key and shoes with you, etc. Also, that this policy be discussed during the orientation meeting at convention. It was also recommended that a second orientation meeting be held for those arriving early to establish the guidelines and expectations for students and leaders who take part in the early departure trip.

State Leadership Conference

Mr. Parker reviewed the tentative schedule for the 2002 State Leadership Conference. He highlighted changes to the program such as; Agriscience Fair Set-Up, Executive Committee time, and Agriscience Fair Viewing. The advisory committee recommended that a tape be developed which would include all speakers, retiring addresses, and election speeches. This tape would be made available to all departments.

FFA Membership Update

Parker reported on the preliminary enrollment numbers. Accurate FFA numbers are not available at this time. However, local program enrollment numbers have been calculated. In school FFA membership for 2001-2002 is currently reported at 55,000. The expectation, once graduate students have been included, is that our total membership will be close to 57,000.

Honorary State FFA Degree Nominations and Distinguished Service Citation Nominations

Historical lists were provided to each member of the committee identifying each individual who has either received the Honorary State FFA Degree or the Distinguished Service. Members were then asked to submit any potential names for consideration by the State FFA Executive Committee.

Integrated Leadership Development Program

Mendes/McCallister moved and seconded to recommend that Greenhand Conference fees be reduced in the future. Motion failed by voice vote.

Recommendations:

1. MFE/ALA in Stockton be moved to a different hotel.
2. Start ALA's ½ hour later, keep break at ½ hour and adjourn ½ hour earlier that evening.
3. Possible topics could include web design, committee functions, public relations, using industry supporter, etc..

Committee recommended that the topic of conference fees be added to the June meeting agenda.

FFA Center Update

Rosemary Vernon gave a brief update on the status of the FFA Center development campaign as well as the capital campaign.

Constitutional Amendment Proposals

Mendes/Mooney moved and seconded that the State FFA Advisory Committee support the five constitution and bylaw amendment proposals. Motion passed by voice vote.

Additional Topics

Committee recommended that the National Proficiency Award Application and the American Degree Application be added to the State CD.

Committee asked that a listing of the Advisory Committee be added to the calaged.org web page. This would allow teachers the opportunity to know who their representatives are.

The record book review committee has met and recommendations should be discussed at each of the Spring Regional Meetings. Final approval of the changes will occur at the Summer CATA Conference.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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AGENDA FEBRUARY 12, 2002

- Review Minutes from September 25, 2001 Meeting
- Agricultural Education Update
- National Convention Follow-up
- State Leadership Conference
- FFA Membership Update
- Integrated Leadership Development Program Update
- Honorary State FFA Degree Nominations
- Distinguished Service Citation Nominations
- State Constitution Amendment Proposals
- National FFA Issues
- State FFA Center
- Other Items
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