

State FFA Advisory Committee Minutes
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Chairman Dave Canteno. Members present included

The following concerns were discussed regarding the Dance held at the State FFA Leadership Conference.

- Contact while dancing (grinding)
- Inappropriate attire
- FFA Members walking up and down the streets during the dance.

Nancy moved to recommend that the dance be eliminated from the State FFA Leadership Conference. Seconded by Katie. Motion passed.

The regional award breakfasts were discussed. Specifically the challenge those regions have packing up for the trip home and making it to the region breakfast on time.

Katie moved that regions have meetings Monday following the final session of the day. (This motion assumes that there will not be a dance.) The Motion was seconded by Roy Beck. The motion was adopted by voice vote.

Bus transportation costs were discussed. Committee members did not believe that it was necessary to have the hotel shuttle bus. It was decided that committee members would poll their regions on the desire to continue the bus shuttle service. They are to each e-mail their results to Charles Parker.

The committee discussed the cost over-runs for the 2007 conference. Bob Heuvel had joined the meeting and provided information about the items that were over budget. The group was reminded that over the past ten years that the FFA has had a \$400,000 surplus.

It was brought to the attention of the committee that there seemed not to be enough seating for guests at the front of the conference hall. On Sunday night some teachers had sent parents of students who had won State Proficiency Awards to the guest seating area and they were told to go up stairs.

The committee then discussed the National Chapter Award judging. It was discussed that one application is selected from each region to be interviewed. It was moved by Ralph Mendes to recommend that the top six national chapter applications be interviewed without regard to regional affiliation. The Motion was seconded by Katie. The motion was adopted.

We discussed the proposed record book changes. Committee members were told to remind their teachers that now is the time to submit changes.

The committee then discussed issues that the Adult FFA Board Chairman, Dick Perisma, had shared with members at the secondary committee meeting. After much discussion about what might be done to address these issues it was pointed out to the committee that the Adult FFA Board voted in their meeting Saturday to increase the State FFA Conference fee to \$200. It was also shared with the group that the State Staff voted to apply the late fee to the submission of the medical form and the rule form. It was also stated that Mr. Parker and Angie were developing a "Check List" to be submitted with conference registration.

There was then a discussion about cell phone use at conferences. It was moved by Ralph Mendes that a rule form be revised to include the following statement. "Cell phone use is not allowed during the conference (no texting)." The motion was seconded by Roy Beck. The motion was adopted.

The committee then discussed the band and choir. There are some that think that band and choir members are not well supervised during the conference especially during sessions that they are not performing. It was moved by Ralph Mendes that there be an area reserved for the band and choir to sit in the conference hall and that they be expected to attend the sessions when they are not performing or practicing. The motion was seconded by Nancy. The motion was adopted.

We then had a lengthy discussion about conference hotels, registration, rules, medical forms and late fees.

It was asked to place on the September agenda the idea of the Convention dates and the Cal Poly State Finals swapping dates.