

**California Ag Education Meeting**  
**FFA Center Conference Room**  
**Galt, CA**  
**May 28 - 30, 2008**

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. In attendance was: Greg Beard, Jack Havens, Ken Harris, Bob Heuvel, Lloyd McCabe, Jeanette Sturzen, Jean Landeen, Josiah Mayfield, Jim Aschwanden, Lynn Martindale, Brad Dodson, Mike Spiess, Bob Flores, Bob Cummings, Alex Hess, Don Borges, Rosco Vaughn, Mike Womochil.

Agenda was reviewed and discussed.

Minutes approved

**CATA Executive Director – Jim Aschwanden**

- Budget revise, AIG 6% plus cut. Increases flexibility to move categorical funding. Mega items would go up to 50%. No real plan to pass a budget.
- AB 2648 - (ConnectEd bill) - basically will require CTE courses to be UC courses taught by academic teachers. Bill is gutted and now report bill.
- SB 1677 - would make academic teachers qualified to teach CTE courses.
- Bill to require two years of CTE to graduate. Not likely to pass.
- DGS memo to districts about necessity of District Advisory committee approving facility requirements - especially with Prop 1D applications.
- Calif. Ag Vision- Calif State Board of Food and Agriculture hearings on a vision for Calif. Agriculture. Need suggested names of teachers and industry reps.

**CDE Report – Bob Heuvel**

- Budget - Contract was kept at \$200,000
- AB 8 - there will be challenge to our share of the money. Besides 10% budget cut.
- Sonya Ross joined office staff.
- Josiah's contract is still out.
- Home Ec position on hold.
- Some re-organization in the Division.
- Now a Perkins Unit in Division
- AIG application needs to be released earlier. Suggested to start process so available by April 1

**Tech Prep - Dob Borges**

- Distributed and updated on Tech Prep work plan

Break for Lunch

**State CATA Conference Review - Jim Aschwanden, Bob Flores**

- Review conference agenda
- Post Governing Board will be one day - Thursday afternoon
- Softball - each Region will need to have one umpire
- Serving at Alumni luncheons problem - teachers taking too much - running short.
- All five Ag Deans will be on campus Tuesday.

### **Student Teacher Placements**

- Reviewed available student teachers and jobs.

### **Student Teacher Placement Sites List**

- Agreed to change the Teacher Placement to list by Region and delete University assignments to schools
- Staff revised list

### **UC Report**

- Jim distributed UC memo to Jack Scot\ regarding UC policy on CTE courses meeting a-g requirements. Looks like CSU may accept a "g" science course as a "d" lab science course.

### **National FFA Conference Trip**

- Distributed the EIP trip info
- Havens is the staff person to go

### **Teacher Educators Breakout Meeting**

Meeting of the Teachers Educators was called to order Bob Flores-10:15 am in the State Officer hours, lunch meeting at ToGo's, 2:00 pm -3:30 State Officer House.

Attending:

Bob Cummings-CP, Bob Flores-CP, Brad Dodson-Chico, Rasco Vaughn-Fresno, Alex Hess-Pomona, Lynn Martindale-UCD

### **Discussed job placement:**

- Cal Poly has 16 student teachers with 6-7 already placed
- Fresno has 16 student teachers with 6 placed
- Chico has 15 student teachers with 8 placed
- UCD has 5 student teachers with 3 placed

### **Fact is all jobs are late; the governor's budget is hitting the teachers pretty hard**

- 52 student teacher's with 28 still looking
  - South Coast~9 opening, with a possibility of 5
  - North Coast~0 openings
  - Central Region ~ 8 opening, with a possibility of 5
  - Superior~4 opening, with a possibility of 4
  - San Joaquin~12 openings, with a possibility of 3 more
  - Southern~3 openings, with a possibility of 1
    - 16 openings
    - Ag Mech positions are filled

### **Undergraduate Enrollment**

- Is maintaining the same for most of the universities
- 36 incoming freshmen at Fresno, total students
- 20 incoming freshmen at UCD

- 12 incoming freshmen at

#### Student teaching sites:

- Suggestion that sites are done by region
- One list no longer separated by tear 1 tear 2

#### CATA Conference

- Orientation
- Where do you need to be and when, share the minimum things, do not bore with too much detail
- Keep state staff
- Keep CATA officer induction
- Liven up with a raffle ~ Each school bring 5 raffle items

#### New Professionals ~

- Nov 20-21
- Radisson in Fresno
- Monrovia ~ Golden West High School/Farmersville High School ~ Fernando Fernandez-COS or Ron Nishika - Reedley Community College,
  - Connection between ag program and the industry and community colleges
  - Monrovia needs to talk about their connection to high schools via money, advisory
- Ideas for breakouts:
  - National FFA ~ about new products
  - Relevant Classroom ~
- Latest in the classroom
  - Jerry Delsol-
  - Kim Miller-pod casting
  - Chris Dickson-Quizdom
- How to select animals
  - Hilmar
- Still exhibits
  - Photography
  - Science project
  - Landscaping
  - Mechanics
- Problem solving
  - How to do
  - What to do

#### **Student teacher Conclave ~ \$10,000 for housing, meeting rooms and food**

Dates: January 29-30

Location: Davis

- Stacie to organize housing, rooms, meals and snacks
- Spring student teacher ~ Brad and Lynn
- Fall student teacher ~
  - Some one that would good with record books
  - Applications

- Jill Sperling / Deanna Cleck
- Record books
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- CATA Awards
  - Chris Elliott
- How to begin
- Reflection lunch-Alex Hess
- Mixer-Brad Dodson
- Engaging the students ~ moving the students around
- Key note speaker Louie Brown/James Garner
- Food Science guy ~ UCD ~ Dinner Speaker

The meeting was concluded at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lynn Martindale

**State Finals Tabulations - Spiess**

- Review tabulation program and scanners use at CP-SLO
- Overall went well

**FFA Insert - Beard**

- Distributed Calif. FFA News insert information

**Conferences**

- SLE - overall satisfied
- Greenhand Conference - take a look at priority list in Superior Region
- COLC

**Star American Degree Proposal - Harris**

- Presented proposal for selecting Star American degrees

Break for evening

**Star American Degree (continued)**

MSP to hold our selected Star American candidates one year in advanced

**All American Degree applications will be due at first day of staff meeting.**

Jean, with Hugh, will determine Ag Production Star for this year.

**Designated Subject Credential**

- Reviewed new designated subject credential

**Regional Officer Leadership Conference (Mayfield)**

- Distributed tentative agenda and the draft of the letter that will be sent to Region Officers

### **State FFA Judging Finals (Beard)**

- Distributed contest participation
- Greg Beard will write two Curricular Code proposals dealing with late registration and possession of cell phones during contests.

Break for lunch

### **Leadership Fundraiser**

- Michelle Wakeman, coordinator of the program for Erickson USA.
- Reviewed the program.

### **FFA Financial Report (Otto)**

- Reviewed State Financial reports
- Reviewed State Conference Financial report
- Recommended that we use calaged to generate a potential State Degree, teachers use it to select their candidates and submit that list with membership numbers. Decided to move forward with it this year.

MSP to submit to the General Rules a no communication device rule. (per language written by Beard)

### **State Convention Review**

- Reviewed convention, Josiah took copious notes.

Adjourned at 7:07PM

### **Ag Incentive Grant- Heuvel**

- Reviewed timeline
- Need to revise AIG Policy Manual
- Budget cut - No Specialized AIG app will be accepted this year
- Pursue a Specialized AIG for Professional Improvement
- No more one year variances for non-ag credentialed teachers

### **LPS Update - Wolmochil**

- Distributed LPS Update
- National Ag Ed In-service will change process for paying for travel and hotel.

### **Missing Member Processing Fee - Harris**

MSP to recommend FFA Adult Board when a student needs to be added to the roster because of State Degree, American Degree, or State Finals they pay \$7.00 per year late affiliation processing fee in addition to the regular affiliation fee.

### **Perkins**

- New Local Plans due Oct. 1

**Road Show Professional Development Topics**

- Dept of Food and Ag regarding Animal Health and Safety - Identification
- Greenhouse Management
- Ag Mechanics

**Reviewed calendar**

- Calendar updated
- May State Staff moved to June 2-4

**State FFA Conference Hotels**

MSP to use the Visitor Convention Bureau website to book rooms, with no priority for Region or sections and do not use the quarter room booking.

MSP that schools that do not use the VCB housing pay \$10 per registration extra.

Meeting adjourned 1:45 PM

Submitted

Jack Havens