

CDE Ag Education Unit Staff Meeting

State FFA Center – Galt, CA

June 1-2, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Lloyd McCabe.

In attendance: Greg Beard, Jack Havens, Jeanette Lowe, Josiah Mayfield, Lloyd McCabe, Hugh Mooney, Charles Parker, Jill Sperling, Zane Sheehan, and Jim Aschwanden.

I. State Supervisor's Update – Lloyd McCabe:

- Thank you for helping to ease the transition over this past year. There has been a learning curve and Lloyd is appreciative of staff's understanding.
- Congratulations to the North Coast, South Coast and Central regions for receiving Career Pathway grants (\$25.3 million)!
- The Superintendent has approved the statewide Agriculture Advisory Committee. Letters will go out to those individuals next week.
- Industry Sector Leads Role and Responsibilities – draft handout from Russ
- Travel budget for 2015-2016 – go ahead and plan for travel accordingly based on this past year's needs
- Industry-based student certification: Multiple CCPT grants that were funded include a certification piece; we may be able to combine efforts as we move forward
- There will be a unit name change in the near future. Staff will be asked to vote for new name. Possible ideas include:
 - i. Agriculture and Consumer & Family Sciences Unit
 - ii. Agriculture Education and Consumer & Family Sciences Office
 - iii. Agriculture and Consumer & Family Science Education Unit
 - iv. Agriculture and Family and Consumer Sciences Education Unit

II. CATA Executive Director Update – Jim Aschwanden

- Discussion on proposed Executive FFA Director
- State Budget Update: Governor's May Revise included a 3-year CTE Incentive Grant; \$400 (1:1 match)/\$300 (1.5:1 match)/\$200 million (2:1 match); both assembly & senate committees gutted bill, removing match and incentive grant requirements (basing funding off of ADA for ALL schools regardless of whether they have CTE or not); currently, it has been referred to conference committee
- AB 1070 funds have been "sunshined" for the 2015-2016 year

III. AIG Application – Hugh Mooney

- The 2015-2016 application is available and is due to regional supervisors on June 30th.

IV. Region & State Road Show Potential Workshops – Lloyd McCabe

- There will be no mandatory statewide topics this next year
- Each supervisor will survey their region and provide workshops that best meet teachers' needs

V. State FFA Leadership Conference Review & Recommendations – Josiah Mayfield

- Attendance was up!
- Need more workshops on Sunday afternoon to accommodate increased attendance
- During 5th session, only proficiency award winners will have bios read

- Add separate delegate business session after regional caucuses on Sunday afternoon to place a stronger emphasis on the delegate process
- Nominating committee process – code of conduct & expectations will be created for all nominating committee members to sign; benchmarks need to be set to provide structure for committee (deadlines for rounds, etc.)
- Hugh Mooney moved “to propose to Executive Committee to eliminate the State FFA Choir”. The motion was seconded by Jack Havens. Discussion followed. The motion passed by voice vote.
- Meal functions – need an additional beverage station during the All Participants Dinner on Sunday
- Agriscience Teacher of the Year: Jim Aschwanden moved to recommend that the “Agriscience Teacher of the Year” award be overseen by the CATA. The motion was seconded by Hugh Mooney and passed by voice vote.
- State FFA Degree Ceremony at Fresno 2016 – Regional supervisors were asked to poll their teachers to gauge interest in moving State Degrees to the State Leadership Conference in Fresno in the future (nothing will change for 2016).

VI. Proficiency Scoring – Jack Havens

- Common DQ’s: missing business agreements (especially in i-recordbooks), SAE’s that don’t fit the area where they are entered
- Chuck Parker moved “that we re-establish the award recognition dinner for proficiencies and scholarships at the State Conference program.” The motion was seconded by Jill Sperling. Discussion followed. The motion failed by hand vote.
- Chuck Parker moved “that if the two application scores are more than 10% off, then a third person would score the applications and the two scores that are the most similar would be the ones that count.” Hugh Mooney seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion failed by hand vote.
- Chuck Parker moved “that in scoring the application, the application with the largest size and scope gets full points while apps with lower size and scope get lower points.” The motion was seconded by Greg Beard. Discussion followed. Josiah Mayfield moved “to amend the motion by adding ‘growth’ so that the amended motion would read “that the application with the largest amount of growth in size and scope gets full points while apps with lower growth get lower points.” Greg Beard seconded the amendment. Discussion followed. The amendment passed by hand vote. Discussion continued on the newly amended motion. The motion passed by hand vote.
- Josiah Mayfield will look into providing plaques for the state proficiency finalists in 2016.
- Lloyd McCabe will look into funding options to re-instate the monetary awards for the 2nd and 3rd place proficiency award finalists.

VII. MFE, ALA & SLE Review – Zane Sheehan

- MFE & ALA conferences are all full. Multiple days at same location works well.
- SLE format with both senate and assembly seemed to work well. If we get enough quality applications next year, we would like to increase the number of SLE participants.
- Zane would like to begin planning a senior level conference, focusing on agriculture careers and work-place skills. Discussion followed. Lloyd approved the idea and told Sheehan to start with the initial planning stages.

- VIII. National Awards – Lloyd McCabe
- Honorary American FFA Degree nominees were reviewed
 - VIP Award nominees were reviewed
- IX. Final State FFA Membership Numbers – Josiah Mayfield
- Approximately 79,793 students are enrolled statewide
- X. Middle School Agriculture Programs – Hugh Mooney
- The taskforce had a conference call yesterday to discuss the viability of adding middle school agriculture programs to our current AgEd model.
 - The group agreed that some type of leadership involvement should be allowed (on a limited basis) and that participation in SAE component needs to be figured out.
 - The taskforce agreed to continue investigating the topic.
 - Hugh Mooney moved “to adopt the report of the Middle School Agriculture Program Taskforce.” The motion was seconded by Jeanette Lowe and passed by voice vote.
- XI. CDE Taskforce Committee – Chuck Parker
- A request was sent out to all universities asking for their state finals contest advisors and the number of years of service.
 - The cost would be approximately \$600 initially and then would fluctuate each year based on the amount of movement.
 - We are moving ahead with this type of recognition for our state finals contest advisors.
- XII. Greenhand Leadership Conference – Chuck Parker
- Could we allow other entities to host “semi-private” GLC’s at their own sites? Discussion followed. At this time, the feeling of staff was that we don’t logistically have the resources to accommodate single site conferences at this time.
- XIII. Selection of Star American Farmers -- Staff
- Chuck Parker moved “that Jill Sperling contact the Gustine Ag Dept and see if Tony Lopes will apply for his American FFA Degree next year and apply for the American Star Farmer award.” The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.
 - Jack Havens moved “that Chuck Parker contact the Tulare Ag Dept and see if Brandon Martin will apply for his American FFA Degree next year and apply for the American Star in Ag Placement award.” The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.
- XIV. AgEd Strategies Manual Revision – Lloyd McCabe
- Hugh Mooney, Jill Sperling and Jack Havens will be responsible for making appropriate revisions to the AgEd Strategies Manual.
- XV. National FFA Scholarship Report – Chuck Parker
- California did extremely well nationally. The full list was emailed out to all staff earlier this spring.
- XVI. State FFA Judging Finals Update – Lloyd McCabe
- Dr. Kellogg provided an extremely detailed report on the status of all state finals contests held at Cal Poly, SLO.
 - Essentially, there are many contests that are facing staffing changes in the near future and will need additional help from State Staff, retired teachers, etc. to remain successful

- XVII. Historical AgEd Teacher Update – Chuck Parker
- Get information on new teachers to Chuck so that he can update the system.
 - Photos are being added to the system.
 - At some point, we would like to have historical data uploaded to www.calaged.org
- XVIII. Regional Supervisor Updates
- Southern – Jack Havens
 - South Coast – Greg Beard
 - North Coast – Hugh Mooney
 - Superior – Jeanette Lowe
 - San Joaquin – Chuck Parker
 - Central – Jill Sperling

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m. by Lloyd McCabe. We will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow.

Meeting reconvened at 9:16 a.m. on June 2. Joined by Kimberly Miller, Bill Kellogg, Clemente Ayon, Lynn Martindale, Rosco Vaughn, Kimberly Miller, Ben Meyer, Katie Otto, Amy Madison, Mike Spiess, Nancy Gutierrez, Brad Dodson, Ben Swan, and Bonnie Baxter

- I. Approval of January Meeting Minutes – Lloyd McCabe
- Greg Beard moved “to approve the minutes as recorded.” The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.
- II. CDE State Supervisor’s Report – Lloyd McCabe
- Interesting year, both personally and professionally
 - Thanks to staff and entire AgEd family for their support throughout the year!
 - 3 of the 6 regions had their CCPT grants funded (\$25.3 million)
 - Newly approved FFA Advisory Committee will meet in the fall
 - Perkins took a \$2 million hit (\$1 million to secondary & \$1 million to community colleges)
 - Looks like SB 1070 will be rolled over another year; some professional development can be funded from that source
 - CTE Incentive Grant – as of today, it looks like there is \$400 million in the pot for schools with CTE programs next year (\$300 in 2016-2017, \$200 in 2017-2018)
 - Industry-based certification is moving forward . . . may be able to couple with some (or all) of the regions that received CCPT grants to accomplish the certification goal
 - FFA Executive Director position is moving forward; hoping for a July 1 start date
 - We are still investigating the feasibility of adding middle school agriculture programs to our current model
 - New contract has been written and is pending approval – includes two major items, (1) hiring a statewide AgEd Teacher Recruitment coordinator and (2) resurrect old “Lake Sequoia” leadership conference (Advanced Leadership Training)
- III. FFA Report – Josiah Mayfield
- Over 6,000 people attended State Leadership Conference in April
 - # of leadership workshops on Sunday afternoon don’t meet needs
 - New state officer team moves into FFA Center in a few weeks. They are excited to get started!

- IV. CATA Executive Director's Report – Jim Aschwanden
- CTE Incentive Grant Update: Lots of activity is going on currently to try to move this forward
 - AB 90 (funding for CTE student organizations) – held for now; bill will probably be floated again next year with same author
 - SB 1070 has been extended for another year
 - FFA Center Re-Model: should start after July 1; new carpet and reconfiguration of office space; CATA will move into building in August
- V. FFA Foundation Report – Amy Madison
- March 4 – event held in Salinas; 100 people attended; outreach effort to connect with supporters in that area
 - State FFA Leadership Conference – hosted the sponsors and donors dinner; 100 people in attendance; nice place to recognize donors and expose them to the State Conference experience
 - Trying to build connections with Les Schwab Tire, Fresno Grizzlies and Dupont Pioneer and bring them on as statewide donors
 - CA State Fair – people can go online and purchase fair admission tickets using the FFA code; FFA Foundation will get \$1 from each ticket sold through this effort
- VI. Community College Report – Nancy Gutierrez
- Working on irrigation curriculum project; in-service will be held on Wednesday during CATA Conference for community college and secondary instructors who are interested
 - National Irrigation Association will offer a training after CATA Conference; put on by industry members; lots of free giveaways
 - Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper certification is a two-day certification that can be incorporated into the classroom; currently offered by Delta College; looking to expand throughout the community college system and even high schools
 - Food Safety curriculum project is being worked on currently
 - Looks like there will be additional funding given to community colleges to hire full-time faculty; hopefully, with CTE push, there will be additional Ag&NR instructors hired
- VII. National FFA Update – Ben Meyer
- FFA New Horizons – currently are drop shipped to schools in bulk; would like to move to shipping directly to student homes
 - There will be an opportunity for students to showcase their culturally diverse performances on the Hall of States stage during National Convention
 - Teachers and students can manage their own passwords and emails on www.ffa.org
 - Single username capability utilizing www.ffa.org to gain all resources on www.calaged.org
- VIII. CATA Summer Conference Review – Jim Aschwanden
- Proposed schedule was reviewed
 - Minor changes; nothing notable
 - Banquet theme is “Masquerade”

- IX. AgEd Teacher Placement – Teacher Educators
- There are roughly 10 student teachers available statewide; we currently have approximately 40 openings
 - Teacher shortage was discussed at length
 - Dr. McCabe has offered to write a paper on the issue discussing options; will have draft available to staff at September meeting; identify potential courses of actions to remedy the problem
- X. Teacher Retirements – Lloyd McCabe
- The list of known retirees was distributed and reviewed
- XI. Master Calendar – Josiah Mayfield
- The 2015-2016 master calendar was distributed and reviewed
- XII. i-RecordBook Update – Mike Spiess
- Nat'l FFA does not allow for non-current/depreciable property to increase in value; students must increase the value at the time that they transfer from current to non-current
 - Formula error in one cell on income summary that needs to be fixed
- XIII. Teach Ag Campaign – Bill Kellogg
- CA is part of the Star State program for the Teach Ag campaign
 - Bonnie Baxter was hired as the Teach Ag Coordinator to facilitate recruitment efforts
 - Promotional materials were distributed
 - Review of newly updated www.teachag.org site
 - Booths at World Ag Expo and State FFA Leadership Conference
 - Moving forward – inclusion of the hiring of Recruitment/Retention Coordinator position through professional development contract (will provide a more constant funding source)
- XIV. University Updates – Teacher Educators
- CSU, Chico – Mike Spiess: enrollment is continuing to grow; 3 new faculty members coming on in the fall; search for a new Dean failed and will continue
 - CSU, Fresno – Rosco Vaughn: Will be hiring an Ag Leadership faculty member; secondary teachers will be coming in to teach small engines and welding; in final stages to get AgEd Master's program approved; searching for new Dean (interviewing 3 finalists); student teacher numbers are rising (~20 each year in near future)
 - UC Davis – Lynn Martindale: School of Education is doing well; 6 student teachers coming in next year; lots of scholarship funds were given out to students
 - Cal Poly, SLO – Bill Kellogg: Ann DeLay received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor; Donetta Rosson was recognized as 1 of 3 outstanding staff members of entire university; Dr. Kellogg was Outstanding Teacher at Cal Poly this year; Bob Flores will step into department chair role for 12-18 months until a national search is completed to find new department chair; Erin Thompson will most likely become the CCPT grant coordinator for South Coast Region; there are currently no applicants for the 2 teacher in residence positions; gearing up for CATA Conference
 - Cal Poly, Pomona – Kimberly Miller: achieved full accreditation status after going through process this year; 8 student teaching candidates for next year

Split into breakout groups

XV. FFA Budget Update – Katie Otto

- State FFA budget was reviewed. No major changes have occurred.
- We anticipate showing a profit of approximately \$161,813 at the close of the fiscal year.
- Regional supervisors received updated financial reports

XVI. UCCI Courses – Jack Havens

- Of the new courses written by the curriculum sub-committee of Vision 2030, none include the agriculture standards for leadership, SAE, record books and careers
 - i. Contact Dane and his crew to add those in and re-submit to UCCI for approval

Meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Sperling

STATE STAFF MEETING

TEACHER EDUCATOR BREAKOUT

June 2, 2015

Bill Kellogg called meeting to order at 12:54. Members present were Ben Swan-CP, Bonnie Baxter-Recruitment Coordinator, Clemente Ayon-CPSLO, Kim Miller-CPP, Brad Dodson-Chico, Rosco Vaughn-Fresno, Nancy Gutierrez-Reedley CC, Lynn Martindale-UCD.

Overview of the agenda-Bill Kellogg

Cooperative teachers-send in field reports ASAP

Announcements:

Nancy Gutierrez - Funding available from Sector Navigator Grant for preparing teachers in agricultural from industry or CC if it is for recruitment.

- Would be able to fund a “one day workshop” for recruitment of Ag Teachers inviting
- Community college leadership conference
- Funding a job shadowing

Parameters with the funding

- The metrics that must be met are transferring students from HS to CC or from CC to University system
- Providing training to potential teachers

Old Business

Ann Delay (on speaker phone) – **New Professionals - November 19 & 20 at Airport Piccadilly Inn - Fresno**

- Report from last November
- Topics (dynamic speakers that will give something to take home)
 - Organizational Skills-Greg Beard
 - Classroom Management – Kim Miller
 - POA-Katie Texia
 - Agriscience-How to incorporate Agriscience Projects into the classroom – really talk about the science - Matt Patton, Brittany Whyler, John Gladman, Jessie Meade, Jennifer Terpstra (maybe with Fresno State – Science teachers)
 - Plant – Dan Lassanske & Brian Tassie
 - How to use the school farm more effectively –
 - Floriculture ideas
 - Classroom quizzing – great apps – Kim Miller
 - Kahoots (laptops or tablets)
 - Tours (Same as last year) – Moonlight Packing - Farm Bureau
 - Facility management – (planning ahead)
 - Soft Skills – Reedley CC - Nancy Gutierrez (google Merced Continuing Education program – customer service academy)
 - Leadership class – meaningful and purposeful –Mandy Gardner / Brian Dodson, Katie Texcia, Rosemary Cummings, (bring pacing guides and lesson plans: put learners in the mix)
 - Making learning fun – Anna Bates
 - Food Science – Joel Richards, Robin Gundmeyer, Matt Buffuno
 - Marketing plan – Dane White / Christiane Schorder
 - Keep CDE team going –
 - Conflict Resolution within the Department –

Bill Kellogg

Last Year's Contract

- Last year contract will be spent completely

Contract for 2015-16

- Start date is August 1
- Based on the number of student teacher
- Fresno – 22 student teachers
- Davis - 6 student teachers
- Pomona - 2 student teachers
- Chico - 23 student teachers
- SLO -15 student teachers

Funds

Allocation submitted by each university:

- Fall State Staff
- Regional meeting (student teacher visits)
- New Professionals
- Student teacher conclave

- Winter State Staff
- Mentor Conference
- Spring Regional Meetings (student teacher visits)
- New Professionals
- FFA State Convention (student teacher visits)
- FFA State Finals
- Spring State Staff
- CATA Conference (student teacher visits)

Bonnie Baxter --Teacher Recruitment

- Testimonials from good candidates that graduated from Pomona, Fresno, and Davis

Ben Swan –

- Poster presented at NAAE
- Special interest group – Teacher Recruitment

Bill Kellogg - Thinking outside the box

- Added to the worksheet

Ben Swan -- Student Teacher Conclave

- Evaluations (reviewed)

Lynn Martindale

- Evaluations (reviewed)

New Business

Ben Meyer

- Will send a list of questions (Bonnie Baxter will answer questions first)
 - Community college with formal Ag Ed agreement
 - Formal early career mentoring program
 - Ag Ed internship
 - Scholarships available
 - Teach ag workshop - when and where
 - VIP for potential Ag Ed Teachers
 - Specific Teach Ag Ed
 - Portal for Ag Ed only
- National FFA Josh Bledsoe
 - 2016-2020 Strategic Plan
 - Connect with preservice teacher and new teachers

Meeting was adjourned at 2:54 pm by Bill Kellogg.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Martindale