

CDE Ag Education Unit Staff Meeting

State FFA Center – Galt, CA

September 1-2, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 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, Jim Aschwanden and Melissa Webb.

I. State Supervisor's Update – Lloyd McCabe:

- Lloyd has enjoyed his first year serving as our State Supervisor and looks forward to fulfilling his 3-year commitment to serve in this capacity. 😊
- Expectations of Ag & Home Economics Education Staff by the Administrator (handout)
- 10 Things that AgEd Staff Can Expect from their Administrator (handout)
- Tentative Work Assignments for 2015-2016 (handout)
- Review of 2014-2015 Travel Budget (individual handouts)
- Staff Evaluations: Lloyd will be spending one day with each supervisor doing AIG reviews over the next few years (2 supervisors per year); Hugh & Jeannette this year; Jill & Chuck in 2016-2017; Jack & Greg in 2017-2018
- State Supervisor Evaluation: Lloyd will send electronic version out; please complete and send to Jeanne Johnson by the end of next week
- Individual and Unit Goals for 2015-2016 (complete before the end of staff meeting)
- CDE Professional Dress (handout)
- CDE Defensive Drivers Training Requirements (handout)
- Professional Development & FFA Contract Proposals: 2015-2016 Contract Concept Requests for Cal Poly & FFA Contracts were distributed and discussed; Cal Poly Contract Request is for \$299,500; FFA Contract Request is for \$250,000
- Roadshow Surveys (handout): All regions need to survey teachers to determine needs for professional development; Student Certification is a priority – please have a session(s) at Roadshow giving teachers options for certification opportunities
- Tracking Sectional, Regional, State & National FFA Conferences, Awards & Contests: Russ approved additional funding based on the data that Lloyd provided in relation to professional development; need to improve tracking of sectional and regional level activities; Josiah and Zane will further develop the grid to include the entire CDE scope of activities
- Ag Incentive Grant Reviews – Regional supervisors will set up visitation schedule for year
- 2030 Report Summary (handout) – Lloyd has asked us to read through and circle those items that we feel we can provide through contracts
- The 2015 Report (handout)
- Section FFA Marketing Contest Test & Key 2015-2016 (handout)

II. In-service – Perkins & New CTE Incentive Grant (Carolyn Zachary)

Perkins Update:

- Reauthorization of Perkins Act will most likely have a greater emphasis on industry-recognized certification
 - Perkins is the most restrictive pot of money that districts work with
 - CA State Plan Requirements – Chapter 5 (pgs. 219-228)
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New CTE Incentive Grant:

- Funds to be distributed over 3 fiscal years (2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18)
 - i. \$400 million with a 1:1 match
 - ii. \$300 million with a 1.5:1 match
 - iii. \$250 million with a 2:1 match
- Matching \$ can come from any district source with exception of CCPT funds
- ADA in grades 7-12 inclusive; based on P2 from prior year
- Appropriation divisions --
 - i. ADA less than or equal to 140 = 4%
 - ii. ADA less than or equal to 550 = 8%
 - iii. ADA more than 550 = 88%
- Language taken from “11 Elements of High Quality Programs” and used as the minimum requirements for CTE Incentive Grant
- Streamlined application that doesn’t require grant writer

III. CATA Executive Director Update – Jim Aschwanden

- Katie Otto will be transitioning to the Development Director position for the FFA Foundation; there will be a part-time position announced soon to bring someone else in to take over the FFA Financial Office (will work alongside Katie for the year to make transition)
- Mark Anglin has been hired by the Central Region to oversee the CCPT Grant.
- The move of the CATA office to the FFA Center has been finalized

IV. Ag Incentive Grant & Specialized Grants – Hugh Mooney

- Hugh and Diane are working to get letters of notification out to schools in September
- Specialized AIG App – due date to Regional Supervisors is November 15; must attach budget detail (showing both grant funding and the matching funds)

V. AgEd Directory – Hugh Mooney

- Once regional supervisors have all additions, deletions, other changes made, email Hugh so that he can contact Mike and have PDF created for distribution

VI. Middle School Agriculture Programs Taskforce Committee – Hugh Mooney

- Committee met last June to explore feasibility of adding 7th and 8th grade membership
- Many issues to still work out
 - i. Curriculum would have to be determined
 - ii. Discovery FFA Degree would need to be added to State Constitution
 - iii. 7th and 8th grade students would be allowed to show at fairs
 - iv. Participation in some competitive activities would be allowed; however, they would be limited to the sectional level
 - v. Minimum compliance criteria for SAE requirement
- Hugh moved “to move forward by presenting a constitutional amendment proposal for consideration by the members at the State Convention in April.” Josiah seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Hugh and Josiah will draft the amendment and accompanying rationale to present at State Executive Committee in January.

- VII. National Scoring – Jill Sperling, Jack Havens, Zane Sheehan
- National Proficiency Awards: California had 16 finalists this year; Emerging Ag Technology and Ag Energy Systems have been removed from 2016 Proficiency Award category list
 - National Chapter Awards: 5 chapters received 3 star status this year; Norco FFA received a Model of Innovation award
- VIII. Proposal on Transitioning to a New Website to replace www.calaged.org -- Josiah Mayfield
- Our current website is housed on a platform that has been phased out
 - Teachers have been adamant about wanting a website with single-sign on to access AgEd resources
 - Proposed new system includes: custom designed website, roster management system, event registration, accounting system (package is \$26,000)
 - Add-ons include: online application development(\$250-\$1,500/each), advisor curriculum sharing system (\$4,000), livestock insurance system (\$1,500), CA FFA and State Event mobile app (\$2,500), FFA Now chapter website system (no cost)
 - Benefits include: weekly FFA account updates for teachers, roster linked to registration, credit card payment capability, regional events and field day registration capabilities, free chapter websites for interested chapters
 - Chuck moved “to move forward with an alternative system to replace the www.calaged.org system.” Motion was seconded by Hugh Mooney. Discussion followed. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- IX. Proposal on Transitioning to a New Online Record Book to replace iRecordbook -- Josiah Mayfield
- AET Online Record Keeping System
 - AET is willing to do a 2-year modified pilot program with CA. Year 1 (2015-16) would be 0 cost to us. Teachers could use AET system and play with it for the year, using online resources. Year 2 (2016-17) would cost \$14,310.50 (18 cents/student). This would include AET staff coming out to CA to provide technical assistance at Road Shows, etc.
 - AET has provided a 4 year proposal (following the 2 year pilot program) outlining costs. . . by Year 4, it would cost us \$114,484 (\$1.44/student) for statewide implementation
 - AET Resources Available: getting started guides, tutorial videos, SAE grading rubrics & classroom resources, explore SAE tool, AET mobile capabilities for teachers, hard copy AET record book templates, AET resume guide
 - Jill moved “to enter into 2-year trial period with AET to allow teachers to utilize their online record keeping system as an option.” Josiah seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- X. Regional & State FFA Budgets – Katie Otto
- Greenhand, MFE & ALA conference attendance was up
 - Affiliation: 79,761 students
 - National Convention trip in 2015 made \$57,000 profit
 - 2015 Net Profit and Loss = \$194,067.07 (similar amount compared to last few years)
- XI. FFA Membership Report – Jennifer Stockton (handout)
- XII. State FFA Leadership Participation Chart –Zane Sheehan (handout)
- XIII. State CATA Professional Development Chart – Lloyd McCabe (handout)

- XIV. ROP Status: Does policy for AIG change? – Chuck Parker
- Chuck and Ralph Mendes will send more information to Lloyd so that he can investigate further
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- XV. Student Officer Liability – Jeannette Lowe
- Sectional and regional officers traveling to our activities are covered through their school insurance . . . those activities need to be board approved in each district
- XVI. AgEd Strategies Manual Revision – Jill Sperling
- Jack forwarded the editable version to Jill
 - Jill will have revisions made to manual by October 1st
- XVII. Historical AgEd Teacher Update – Chuck Parker
- Regional Supervisors need to send Parker a list of all new teachers in region and where they student taught.
- XVIII. NAAE Awards Program – Lloyd McCabe
- We were encouraged to inform our teachers about the available awards offered by NAAE
- XIX. 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 5:26 p.m. by Lloyd McCabe. We will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow.

Meeting reconvened at 9:10 a.m. on September 2. Joined by Kimberly Miller, Lynn Martindale, Rosco Vaughn, Brad Dodson, Ben Swan, Bob Flores, Ralph Mendes, Kristi Mattes, Dave Gossman, Katie Otto, Jennifer Stockton, Trisha Chapman, Kerry Stockton 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
 - Amendment proposal will be put forth to members in April to allow middle school agriculture programs in CA
 - Moving forward to pilot test a new online record book system (AET)
 - Will be transitioning to a new website, registration system, roster system, etc. to replace www.calaged.org
 - III. CATA & Team AgEd Executive Director Report – Jim Aschwanden
 - Now oversees CATA, FFA Center/Staff, FFA Adult Board and FFA Foundation
 - CTE Incentive Grant is in budget; will look similar to Ag Incentive Grant; be ADA-based
 - Vision 2030 effort is really pushing our profession forward; work that has been done has provided a strong foundation for future efforts
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- CATA Leadership Institute – December 1-3, Wonder Valley Resort in Sanger. Program starting to be put together.
- Transition of CATA to FFA Center was pretty seamless. New carpet throughout center and new office space to accommodate Jim and Kerry.
- Katie Otto has accepted position as Foundation Development Director to oversee the Capitol Campaign. She will be working part-time in both positions this year to transition new hire in Financial Services.
- There have been some attacks on the traditional AgEd model. Link Learning and some communities have been pushing back on the FFA & SAE components.
- We need to make a push to get Phase 2 of the FFA Center in the works. We need to get more FFA members utilizing the space and we don't have adequate space. We are in desperate need of a training facility (classrooms, break out rooms, conference space).
- CTE Incentive Grant -- Applications coming out sometime next month.

IV. FFA Report – Josiah Mayfield

- Lots of growth happening! 6 chapters coming on line this year.
- 4 Greenhand Conferences were added this year to accommodate growth.
- National Convention trip is over 500 with 4 full buses traveling to Washington D.C.
- 16 National Proficiency Award Finalists
- 18 National Agriscience Fair Finalists
- American Star in Agriscience Finalists (Jillian Drake from Fallbrook)
- National Chapter Awards – 5 “3 Star” chapters; Norco FFA was recognized with the Model of Innovation - Student Development award
- Haley Warner is our National Officer Candidate this year

V. FFA Foundation Report – Katie Otto

- Katie is making transition to Development Director position and is excited to be working with FFA Foundation to secure additional donors to help FFA reach the \$1 million mark for annual donations

VI. FFA Adult Board of Directors – Kristi Mattes

- Lots of changes this past year – remodel of FFA Center and pulling AgEd family together under one roof
- Prime concern of the FFA Adult Board has always been and will continue to be to represent FFA members and do what is in their best interests

VII. CATA State President Report – Ralph Mendes

- Large attendance at CATA Summer Conference
- 2015-2016 CATA State Officers:
 - Clay Freeman -- Treasurer
 - Robin Grundmeyer – Secretary
 - Dave Gossman – President-Elect
 - Ralph Mendes – President
 - Mike Albiani – Past President

VIII. Vision 2030 Report – Dave Gossman

- New website to serve as Vision 2030 information hub www.CATAVision2030.org
- The latest 2030 report (with findings from survey completed at CATA Summer Conference) is now posted
- Lauren Stroud and Dave Gossman are co-chairs of the Vision 2030 Committee

IX. Credentialing Options – Lynn Martindale (handout)

- Lloyd, Jim and the 5 teacher education programs will work together to draft questions for “exit interviews” for ag education students who chose to leave before they finish student teaching
- We need to identify reasons for students leaving pipeline so that we can work to make change

X. 2015 CATA Summer Conference Survey Results – Jim Aschwanden

- Evaluation analysis handout was distributed
- Jim charged us to read through it, make notes on things that we need to work on and bring those notes with us to the January meeting to discuss

XI. AgEd Teacher Placement – Teacher Educators

- 175 placements this year (previous high was 137)
- Teacher Educators and Regional Supervisors need to work together to revise student teacher placement sites

XII. University Updates – Teacher Educators

- CSU, Chico – Brad Dodson: numbers are good; in second round of Dean search
- CSU, Fresno – Roscoe Vaughn: looking for another AgEd faculty member (leadership or Ag Communications); will be impacted campus starting 2016-17; going to decrease the number of Pre-Vet slots and increase number for AgEd students; entire state will be the new service area; new Jordan Research Building will be finished after the first of the year
- UC Davis – Lynn Martindale: there will be a UC Davis Field Day on March 4-5; every student who went through AgEd credential program got scholarships this year; hiring full-time lecturer positions in Agriculture (Doctorate required but they don't have to do the research component)
- Cal Poly, SLO – Bob Flores: lots of change occurring within leadership ranks at Cal Poly; Bob Flores is Interim Department Chair (Dr. Kellogg officially retired August 31); department is doing a full program review; 3 part-time people hired (Larry Shuklian, Jerry Clark and Erin Gorter); Sherry Freeman has been hired on a one-year contract as a full-time teacher
- Cal Poly, Pomona – Kimberly Miller: new Provost; things are moving along well

11:45 am -- Jerry T. Davis Memorial

Split into breakout groups

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Sperling

Teacher Education Break out

State Staff Meeting

September 2, 2015

Bob Flores called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Members present were Ben Swan, Don Borges, Troy Gravatt, Bonnie Baxter, Brad Dodson, Lynn Martindale, Rosco Vaughn, and Kim Miller.

Bob Flores elected president & Lynn Martindale elected secretary.

Minutes were approved unanimously, and Lynn was thanked.

Congratulations to Don Borges Dean of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

Ben Swan: Contract is coming out in a week according to Lloyd McCabe.

Ben Swan-Student Teacher Conclave - January 7 & 8th in Modesto (69 student teachers will be attending)

- Consider changing the "Earth Science"
- Shout ideas to Ben about changes
- Welcome from CATA President
- Modesto Ag Ed students come to the dinner (Don will do a welcome at dinner)
- Lunch at the end to eat on the road
- Everyone ok with a take away lunch
- Engaging students (Kim Miller; Classroom management 101)
- Include dress code
- Walking tour – Modesto, include scholarship
- Planning for the family – Stacy & Todd Engel, Michele and Michael Schilperoort (Better for new professional)

Ralph Mendes - Request

- Fast track BSTA – CTE
- Need to contact Eric Dyer
- Will send the requirements for 2 year BSTA -

Don Borges – Hire someone to fill a 3-4 month gap until a person can be hire

Bonnie Baxter – Teach Ag Campaign Update

- Updated the webpage - <http://www.teachag.org/>
- Data base email blast -
- Promotional videos – showcase and testimonials
- Promotional material will be updated
- Need to include diversity

Bob Flores - Student teacher numbers

- Cal Poly, SLO - 15
 - Fresno – 20
 - UCD – 6
 - Cal Poly, Pomona – 3
 - Chico State 22
- Total 66*

Bob Flores – Pre Service Contract

- New rules
- Total university allocations
 - Chico \$13,460
 - Davis \$3510
 - Pomona \$2102
 - SLO \$7307
- Professional Development Contract
 - Is the money for Mentor / Supervising Teacher workshop included
 - No supervising teachers at student teacher conclave
- Any changes send to Bob Flores

Bob Flores – New Professionals

- Who should do the welcome?
- Tours?
- Welcome – Lloyd McCabe
- Welcome CATA – Ralph Mendes / Dave Gossman

Lynn Martindale - Mentoring workshop

Bob Flores - Continuing Education for Cooperating Teachers

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Lynn Martindale