

**State Staff Meeting  
FFA Center, Galt  
January 3-4, 2017**

January 3, 2017 (State Staff)

Call to Order (McCabe)	The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am. Individuals present: Lloyd McCabe, Jack Havens, Hugh Mooney, Charles Parker, Greg Beard, Josiah Mayfield, Zane Sheehan, Jill Sperling, Jim Aschwanden
Welcome & Update (McCabe)	<p>Perkins is going to be underwater big time (~\$300,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel budget will be horrendous . . . travel as necessary until told otherwise</li> <li>• Silent freeze on positions</li> <li>• Unit has not approved a budget due to financial issue</li> </ul> <p>Jeanette will be officially retiring at end of January. Lloyd will do paperwork to get position replaced. . . we will have to see what happens.</p> <p>CDE Employee Self Evaluation – due Feb 1 to McCabe</p> <p>Ben Meyer will be here tomorrow and will discuss the visit by National FFA CEO Mark Poeschl during the May staff meeting</p> <p>School Facility CTE Bond – voters approved the bond; \$ 500 million should be available but now Governor is trying to redirect funds; we will have to wait and see how it plays out</p>
CATA & FFA Executive Director Update (Aschwanden)	<p><b>CATA Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Board of Education is going to put together accountability standards that look at certifications and employment outcomes. We need to get the certification component figured out.</li> <li>• Professional development system needs to be overhauled. State staff will meet in late Feb/early March to start putting together contract details for the upcoming year.</li> </ul>
National Convention Review (Sheehan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Came close to selling out the trips this year (615 on CA trip to convention)</li> <li>• Approximate profit \$133,000 – trip costs were actually decreased this year and we still had income that exceeded expenses (helps to offset other expenses throughout year)</li> <li>• CDE needs to create a work flow calendar to communicate our needs for the registration system with Wieghat Graphics</li> <li>• DC trip needs to be limited to 5 buses</li> <li>• Not going to explore a New England/East Coast trip addition for now</li> </ul>
Greenhand Conference (Sheehan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation is growing . . . by ~30%</li> <li>• 33 conferences in CA; 2 in Nevada</li> <li>• Multiple conferences at one site works much better</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer training at Galt HS worked really well</li> <li>• New curriculum format is stronger</li> <li>• Learn Book was published in both English &amp; Spanish this year</li> <li>• Pre and post conference materials have been developed per request by Conference Continuum Committee</li> </ul>
State FFA Convention (Mayfield)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tentative schedule for 2017 was distributed and reviewed</li> <li>• Officer Candidate Exam – will be offered on a regional level with supervisors proctoring the process; exam will be given statewide on Friday, 2/24 from 8:00 - Noon</li> <li>• <u>Amendment proposal #1</u>: Middle School Membership (State Staff recommends a DO PASS). Improved rationale statement will be included with the amendment proposal.</li> <li>• <u>Amendment proposal #2</u>: Merge collegiate membership with alumni membership (State Staff recommends a DO PASS)</li> <li>• <u>Amendment proposal #3</u>: State Degree Parliamentary Procedure Requirement (State Staff recommends a DO PASS)</li> <li>• <u>Amendment proposal #4</u>: Regional Alignment (State Staff recommends a DO NOT PASS)</li> <li>• <u>Amendment proposal #5</u>: Nominating Committee Requirements (State Staff recommends a DO PASS)</li> <li>• List of 2017 Potential Award Nominees was discussed</li> </ul>
Calaged Website Update (Mayfield)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Line of communication with Tyler Wiegat has been challenging due to some bigger tech issues this fall; hopefully, things will get better soon</li> <li>• List of necessary changes was developed; Mayfield will communicate those to Tyler</li> </ul>
AET State Degree Application (Mayfield)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AET State Degree App is up and running</li> <li>• At scorings, teachers will go to website listed on pg. 3 of app and enter the codes to view the students' records</li> </ul>
AET Issues (Parker)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff voted to adopt all methods used in the AET record book system (even those that are contradictory to our previous methods). Our old record book manual and methods of record keeping will stay in effect for those students choosing to utilize the paper record book or i-RecordBook.</li> <li>• Sperling moved that "starting with the 2017-18 school year, the AET record book will be the only acceptable form of records in CA". The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.</li> </ul>
AIG Reviews (Reg Supervisors)	<p>Common Findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lots of great things happening statewide!</li> <li>• Advisory Committees are still a weak component</li> <li>• Course sequences and pathway coding seems to be troubling a lot of schools</li> <li>• Tons of new teachers and teachers with DS credentials that are struggling</li> <li>• AET participation has been very positive and every region has now had Roger Hanagriff out for official training</li> </ul>
Adjourn (McCabe)	The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 pm. We will reconvene at 9:00 am tomorrow morning and be joined by our larger AgEd family members.

## January 4, 2017 (Joint Meeting)

Call to Order (McCabe)	<p>The joint meeting was called to order at 9:08 am.</p> <p>We were joined by: Ben Meyer, Bob Flores, Lynn Martindale, Mike Spiess, Rosco Vaughn, Kimberly Miller, Erin Gorter, Kristi Mattes, Mollie Aschenbrenner, Dave Gossman, Grant Ermis, Judy Aschwanden, Katie Otto, Trisha Chapman, Jennifer Stockton, Kerry Stockton, Troy Gravatt</p>
Approval of Minutes (McCabe)	<p>Lloyd McCabe moved to approve the minutes as printed. Motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.</p>
CDE Report (McCabe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record number of participants in FFA activities. Growing pains</li> <li>• Jeanette Lowe will officially retire on January 31, 2017. Position may be difficult to replace due to severe deficits in Perkins funding.</li> <li>• Jan. 10 will be the release date for Governor's budget. We are hearing that SB 1070 is NOT in the budget. That could mean a huge loss for FFA and professional development funding.</li> <li>• Professional development system needs to be evaluated to determine if the current model is the best way to meet changing demographics and changing needs</li> </ul>
CATA & FFA Executive Director Report (Aschwanden)	<p><b>FFA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sailors lawsuit has been dismissed entirely. However, the City of Fresno &amp; SMG are still suing FFA to try to recover their legal fees. At this point, our insurance company will work it out and FFA will not be writing a check of any kind.</li> <li>• New security system has been installed at the FFA Center.</li> <li>• Working on ideas for interactive displays for the FFA Center lobby; looking for a sponsor for that project</li> <li>• Farm Credit is sponsoring a new sign for the front of the FFA Center; will be installed this spring</li> </ul> <p><b>CATA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislature starts back today but are on hold for a month before they start real business</li> <li>• Dept of Finance staff is completely committed to the LCFF model, not continuing with support for CTE</li> <li>• There is no support of Dept of Finance for funding Dept of Education staff (CTE staff is currently completely funded by Perkins); they see no importance in the enforcement or leadership role of the CDE staff in working with school districts</li> </ul>
Community College Report (Troy Gravatt)	<p>Community College instructors would like to have an integral role in the Vision 2030 process. They would like to reconnect with the secondary level.</p> <p>4 major areas of focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional Development – December &amp; June conferences; in-service committee; current discipline targeted training (Food Safety, Landscape &amp; Ag Irrigation, Arboriculture)</li> <li>• Career Pathway/Curriculum &amp; Alignment – 3<sup>rd</sup> party review of programs facilitated by Statewide Advisory Committee</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Networks – CATA, CAL, Statewide Advisory Committee, DSN/SN</li> <li>• Other Initiatives &amp; Opportunities – Online irrigation class (Cal Poly, SLO course), CSU Water Resources &amp; Water Policy Initiatives internships</li> </ul>
National FFA Programs Report (Ben Meyer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National FFA Teacher Ambassador Program – Amanda Sammons; presented at 2 of the Road Shows this winter; continues to be available for trainings</li> <li>• FFA New Horizons home delivery update – upcoming availability of classroom sets; tentative price \$100 which would deliver 25-30 magazines each edition</li> <li>• FFA.org Website -- Schools can set their invite code to a single code (or they can continue to use the 6 digit random codes generated by the system)</li> <li>• Western Region LPS Report – Ben will email out; regional supervisors are asked to please email out to teachers within regions</li> <li>• Chapters with local Tractor Supply should connect with the manager and develop a working relationship; chapters are encouraged to apply for Grants for Growing program running from Jan 13 - Feb 13</li> <li>• National FFA State Relations visit – Mark Poeschl, Josh Bledsoe and others will be coming out for our next state staff meeting</li> </ul>
FFA Foundation Report (Katie Otto)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Giving Tuesday – very successful! Funds raised for 400 FFA jackets. Teachers need to go online and complete the “Give the Gift of Blue” form and nominate a student from their chapter to receive a FFA jacket (must be done by Jan 15<sup>th</sup>); jackets will be displayed during the FFA Blue &amp; Gold Gala in February</li> <li>• Foundation has set a \$1 million fundraising goal for the year; things are looking good at this point for meeting that goal</li> <li>• Foundation wants to have a larger presence to students so that they recognize the efforts of the Foundation and how the money raised is going to support student success</li> <li>• Almond Board stepped up and set a goal to raise \$15,000 for CA FFA; they ended up raising \$27,000! There will be more Almond Board scholarships awarded this year as well as increased sponsorship of proficiency award areas</li> </ul>
State CATA President Remarks (Dave Gossman)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team would like to increase communication with Jim &amp; Kerry throughout the year</li> <li>• Working to update the CATA Officer Handbook</li> <li>• Trying to look ahead at CATA Summer Conference needs and get Kerry the necessary info early so that she can get facilities booked starting in January</li> </ul>
FFA Adult Board of Directors (Kristi Mattes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upcoming meeting in January to review budgets and create financial plan for moving forward</li> <li>• Excited about FFA Blue &amp; Gold Gala</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
CATA 2030 Report (Dave Gossman)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Latest edition of Vision 2030 Report was distributed</li> <li>• Action item reports are included</li> </ul>

<p>Ag Induction Survey (Grant Ermis)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vision 2030 Committee – Action Item #16 – To establish an alternative method of meeting the Single Subject &amp; Agriculture Specialist Teacher Induction Program standards; providing real, relationship driven, relevant teaching practices and meaningful mentorship.</li> <li>• Contact has been made with Tri-County Induction Program (TCIP); they are willing to serve as the agency that would authorize clear credentials as long as we take care of the mentorship aspect and make sure that our teachers are meeting the necessary requirements</li> </ul>
<p>2017 CATA Summer Conference Review &amp; Agenda (Aschwanden)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tentative schedule was distributed and reviewed</li> <li>• Conference will be one week LATER due to Cal Poly's delayed graduation</li> <li>• Reduced registration fees are valid until May 31; after that regular fees are assessed</li> </ul>
<p>2016 AgEd Teacher Placement – Final Report (McCabe)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report will be emailed out within the next week</li> <li>• 160 secondary positions; 10 community college positions in 2016</li> </ul>
<p>2016-17 UC "a-g" Report (McCabe)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report will be finalized and emailed out within the next week</li> <li>• ~60% of all ag courses in CA are UC "a-g" approved</li> </ul>
<p>2017 State Finals Judging &amp; Tabulations (Beard)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greg distributed the tentative list of contest coordinators for all contests held at Cal Poly</li> <li>• Chuck will be emailing the list of contest coordinators for all contests held at CSU Fresno next week</li> </ul>
<p>Master Calendar (Mayfield)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start getting dates for 2017-18 to Josiah to plug into master calendar</li> </ul>
<p>University Updates (Teacher Educators)</p>	<p><b>CSU, Chico</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike Spiess is officially retired but is FERPING. Brad Dodson will be officially retiring this year and then FERPING for one more year.</li> <li>• New administration (Dean, Provost &amp; President)</li> </ul> <p><b>CSU, Fresno</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Dean &amp; Associate Dean</li> <li>• Numbers are up; 17 teachers in credential program</li> <li>• Larger numbers of student teachers next fall</li> <li>• All classes are full</li> <li>• 3 new faculty positions in department</li> </ul> <p><b>UC Davis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 student teachers next year (increase of 2)</li> <li>• Getting a new chancellor &amp; dean</li> </ul> <p><b>CPSU, SLO</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDE contracts – Big one is at Cal Poly, being routed for signatures; small one is in Diane's hands and will be going through</li> <li>• Will be adding another Ag Communications professor</li> <li>• 3 part time professors – Erin Gorter, Bill Kellogg and Jerry Clark</li> <li>• Student teacher program – next year, all student teachers will be going out in the spring to student teach; this will create challenges with placement</li> <li>• Late Spring Master's Courses begin June 19</li> </ul>

	<p><b>CPSU, Pomona</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Things are great!</li> <li>• 4 student teachers (max of 5 allowed)</li> </ul>
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## State Staff Breakout Session

Judging Tabulations (Spiess)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program has not been uploaded yet as a few tweaks are being made.</li> </ul>
R-2 Report & FFA Membership (Jennifer Stockton)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lists of chapters with past due balances distributed to regional advisors; please help get those chapters to get bills paid</li> <li>• Estimate of 84,000 members this year</li> </ul>
Regional & State FFA Budgets (Maria Maberto)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional &amp; state budgets were distributed and reviewed</li> </ul>
AIG Review Checklist Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff worked on updating the current AIG checklist.</li> <li>• Jack is taking copious notes and will edit the document and email out for final review.</li> </ul>

The meeting was adjourned by Lloyd McCabe at 3:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Sperling

Staff Secretary

## Teacher Education Breakout Session

State Staff Meeting -- January 4, 2017

Members present: Kim Miller, Bob Flores, Lloyd McCabe, Rosco Vaughn, Erin Gorter, Lynn Martindale, Mollie Aschenbrener, & Judy Aschwanden, later Grant Ermis.

Bob Flores called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

Lloyd McCabe - A discussion of Professional Development followed, with an a\$\$ chewing.

- Money to 1<sup>st</sup> year teachers.
- State staff disappointed in the PD that is hosted
- Molly A. – Need to know vs. nice to know, and new teachers
- Bottom line – Conferences need to be examined
- Contract monitor – Jill, Hugh, Josiah, and Charles – take things literally
- ATC – Agricultural Teachers as Consultants
- SB1070 may be gone as of 1/10 and that will create a big problem
- Perkins pot is getting smaller and smaller another concern
- Problem with the 5<sup>th</sup> floor
- Trump said something very promising about CTE and refunding it
- Need to do some research on Ag Ed and the entire Ag Ed model

New discussion

- 4 vs. 5 year credential program - Chico University

Judy and Grant –

- Components of CTE Induction Program

Meeting was adjourned 3:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Martindale

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Lloyd's retirement date: December 10 2018