

State Staff Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 13, 2021

Present:

- Charles Parker
- Shay Williams-Hopper
- Jill Sperling
- JessaLee Goehring
- Greg Beard
- Jackie Jones
- Hugh Mooney
- Toosji Koll
- Sandra Dale
- Sharon Freeman
- Kathryn Teixeria
- Anthony Catalan
- Matt Patton
- Ben Meyer
- Lynn Martindale
- Mollie Aschenbrener
- Steve Rocca
- Kerry Stockton
- Kim Miller
- Maureen Funk
- Bonnie Baxter

Called to Order: 10:05 AM

Agenda Items:

- State Staff Update & Department Update
- CATA Update
- National FFA Update
- Fireside Chats
- Professional Development
- Audit
- Student Teacher Placement
- College Reports
- Teach Ag Update
- AIG Update
- AET Update
- CalAgEd Update
- Budget
- FFA Foundation Update
- CDE Update
- GLC
- National Convention
- State Convention

State Staff & Department Update -Charles Parker

- New Chief Deputy, Mary Nicely
- Career and College Transition division is apart of Equity branch now

- Dr. Lee – new branch deputy
- Pete Callas is our division deputy – from Galt
- State Staff had a retreat last week
- Not back full time yet – still scattered schedules and working remotely

CATA Update – Matt Patton

- CATA membership is at a all time high
- Fall meetings start this weekend
- Sacramento Scene –
 - AB101 – ethics studies for students
 - AB1456 – expanding college acceptance (lowering the GPA)
 - AB928 – easier for JC students to transferred to 4 year
- Elections tomorrow – we will see what happens with Newsom

National FFA -Ben Meyer

- Registration opens on the 15th and pushed back the closing of housing to Sept 30th
- Detailed schedule is posted online
- Sessions look a little different – so take a look!
- CDE / LDE award announcements happening in two sessions
- Members who need jackets – have them place that order by Sept 24th so they can get their jacket before convention
 - No jacket resizing or lettering happening on site
- SAE grants – opening at the end of the month
- Alumni roster process is a double log in process this year
- Credit hold on overdue accounts – had to change policy (not receiving PO's or registration, etc)
- If you have a student that has an SAE project that sells a non-perishable product (not food) – please let National FFA know – they want to buy their products as gifts for donors, etc.

Fireside Chats – Charles Parker

- Will be doing this at the regional meetings and in-services
- Suggests to do them at Professional Development events or even at the collegiate level

Professional Development – Sandy Dale

- New Professionals
 - 87 people registered for New Professionals – please re-push out to your regions
 - Moved to the double tree in Fresno
 - Waiting to sign the contracts until after this week

- Student Teacher Conclave is Jan 6 & 7
 - Facilities reserved and working on hotels
- Supervising Teachers Conference – haven't secured anything
- Worried about the sub shortage and teachers not being allowed to travel / take the time off to attend a conference
- Road Show
 - 7 stipends per region
- Mentoring mini sessions
 - Would like to work the mini sessions again to once a month
 - Looking into starting them in the new year / spring semester
- DELTA Conference
 - Working hard team and have goals in place

Audit – Stipends – Matt Patton

- CA FFA was audited by workers comp
- Definition of sub-contractors has changed
 - Presenters = independent contractors
- Third party came out and asked some questions
- Moving forward, those will be classified as employees and not independent contractors
- Audit happened last week and still working through the details
- Question from Mollie – does this impact SO for financial aid in the future?
 - Answer: No

Student Teacher Placement Report – Charles Parker

- Document displayed on screen regarding teacher placement
- Showed date summary
- Data includes where teachers are going if they are leaving the profession
- Copy of the report will be shared
- Very informative and helpful especially for the teacher educators

UC Davis Report - Lynn Martindale & Katy Teixeira

- All students back in person – but might change
- Katy – college of Ag
 - Excited to be teaching new courses that have not been available for a long time
 - Will be sending out an email about students reaching out to ask questions about ag education
 - Teaching Dr. McCabe's old class

Cal Poly Pomona – Kim Miller

- New Interim Dean and new Interim Provost
- Labs and activities only on campus
- At least 50% of the courses that are on campus are face to face

Chico Update – Molly Aschenbrener

- Two new faculty on board
- New Dean- very receptive to Ag Education & very student focused
- First semester for students to be in Ag Communication classes
- Some lecture classes are online, labs in person

Fresno State Update – Steve Rocca

- 70% on campus – Animal Science and Ag Ed – 8% online
- 200 ag ed teacher prep undergrads
- Ag Ed masters program has grown (9 – 11) – mostly on campus
- 30 students that will be completing their credential throughout the year
- No new hires this year, but hopefully next year. Dean is retiring next year
- Dr. Voughn is planning to retire at the end of this year and looking for a replacement
- Accreditation process – AAQEP
- Dr. Freeman working on her grant
- USD STEM grant
- Bachelors + Masters grant that they might be involved in the coming year
- Getting ready for the field days (cotton, midwinter and winter state finals)
- Will be hosting the state ag ambassador conference this year as well

Cal Poly SLO Update

- In class today – no update

Teach Ag Update – Bonnie Baxter

- Sent update via

AIG Update – Hugh Mooney

- AIG committee has done a lot of work
- Continuing to work with Roger from AET to gather data
- We are hoping to move forward with it for the next funding year
- Biggest thing – getting all of the reports together so programs can gather the data to see where they are at
 - Currently, we do not have those reports
- Why are we only funding 79%? We need more money
- Biggest issue for an ag teacher – trying to figure out how to get the maximum amount of money
 - We never expected programs to max out completely on the grant

- This is driven more towards output data instead of input data

AET Update – Shay Williams-Hopper

- Access as a university and report
- Please go online and update your profile on AET (Shay demonstrated how to do it – she will send directions as well)
 - This will help with the directory since we are gathering information through AET now instead of CalAgEd
- Annual Report
 - Freshmen retention rates
 - Can go back a few years, looks at engagement of students and enrollment
 - Can see pathway completers
 - Now have an option for CalPads descriptions and pathways – great way to share with our stakeholders what we are doing within our programs
 - Student Graduate data – where students have gone
- Economic Value Report
 - Can pull up date with what the program is doing within the community
 - Can breakdown some information
 - Again, great data for stakeholders
 - You can pull the data for chapter, region, or state
 - Great way to demonstrate the value of FFA and that there is an economic benefit
 - Understand that this is student entered data
 - As we encourage students and teachers to use AET – it should become more refined
- If you need data or reports, please contact your regional supervisor
- If you need help with AET / teaching students parts – please let the regional supervisors know – we would love to help out!
- Freeman – Oct 5th AET workshop – will be sending out the link

CalAgEd Website Update – Jackie Jones

- Overview of the website
- If you want to add anything or have any suggestions, please contact Jackie

FFA Foundation Update – Toosje Koll

- Want to encourage board members to participate in events and engagement
- Focus on State Convention – really want to engage the business community to help generate funds
- Foundation’s mission is to be there for FFA financially, but they want to step it up
- Setting up a variety of fundraising teams
- Have a committee that is going to be focusing on the license plate
 - Connected with an outside agency to assist us with marketing, etc.

- Feel free to contact Toosje is if you have any questions
- Maureen
 - Thanking regional supervisors for sending potential donors
 - Wilco Grant (\$10,000 annually in grants)
 - Golden Owl Award
 - See document with information about when foundation events occur
 - Provided QR codes for specific items (Golden Owl and License Plate)

Budget – Matt Patton

- Net P&L Balance - \$120,179.97

CDE Update – Greg Beard

- Provided number of students participants in our CDE's
- No way we could have provided these events virtually – so BIG thank you!
- This coming year, everything should be in person and we will be using Judging Card
- We did make some adjustments on how certain CDE's were conducted virtually. This coming year, we will go back to the curricular code
- State Staff is going to the adult board to purchase 2 scanners and possibly looking into office contracts to purchase addition scanners

Ag Issue Topic – Hugh Mooney

- Looking into Pacific Coast Show Magazine

GLC

- Number of requests from teachers who are not being allowed to travel (COVID restrictions / lack of substitute teachers) for a refund if they cannot make it
- Do we want to do virtual GLCs? What would the cost be?
- Question : Should we have them or offer them?
- What is the cost for them? Do we keep it the same? Material is already done, so the cost would not be as extravagant.
- Cost per student last year - \$50 per chapter
- Material is already provided
- Suggestion – Have a per student rate and not a chapter
- Challenge – we already incurred a lot of the costs for the in person events
- Motion – There be a virtual option for GLCs to schools this academic year – Jill
- Second – Hugh
- Discussion:
 - Many schools cannot travel and/or teachers not being released because the lack of subs
 - Don't put a blanket statement, but when teachers reach out about not being able to travel/attend, then we give them the virtual option

- Don't want teachers to just take the virtual option because it's "easy"
- Sports teams are "ok" with going to sport events, but not allowing FFA students to go to a conference
 - Need to emphasize that this is an intra-curricular activity, etc.
 - Need to have administration understand that
- Can we give them "ten spots" – is that possible?
- We had teachers complain about not having enough "above the chapter level" activities – if it's per student, there will be more accountability.
- Tier registration fee (like state conference)
- Only give codes to certain programs
- Could we give them the codes for the number of GLC students they registered
- Hugh : Move to Amend Motion: Retain their Registration fee if they registered for the conference, we will provide them a code for the conference and provide them their shirts.
- Second: Jill
- Discussion: None
- Vote: Anonymous vote to approve amendment
- Amended Motion: Move that there be a virtual option for GLCs to schools this academic year. FFA will retain their registration fee if they registered for the conference, will provide them a code for the virtual conference and mail them their shirts.
- Discussion: Will it change the registration numbers for people that are attending in person?
- Main Motion Amended
- Vote – Passed
- Jill volunteers to send out codes to all of the schools (if that becomes an issue)

National Convention – Jill Sperling

- Friday – last date to change reservations/drop rooms without a fee
- Released everything that was in the housing block
- Rooms go into the general housing block
- If you hear from a teacher that they are having room block issues, please send them Jill's direction
- Teachers need to go onto FFA.org and complete their registration
- Anyone who has a flight through CA FFA – Jill will take care of their registration
- National Convention is happening live – unless the city or state shut it down

Administrative Conference

- Working with Nancy on that (Parker and Nancy)

Leadership Workshops for State Conference

- Asking for help with leadership workshops

- Hour workshops
- Will include hotel rooms
- Sunday and Monday workshops

Adjourned: 12 pm

2022 State FFA Leadership Conference

Golden One Arena

- Meals for staff in arena
Will take some planning to keep costs down. Will work with Golden One on prices and other details.

Convention Center

- Registration Area
The SW corner is the main entrance. Excellent location for conducting registration.
- Food Trucks
Should not be a problem. Question is would there be a minimum required for them to stay all day.
- Storage Room
Suggestion is to use one of the small meeting rooms at the CC.
- WiFi Access
At the CC WiFi is available in the common areas. However, for the meeting rooms we would most likely have to pay a fee that could be high.

FFA Store

- Hall C starting Friday for FFA Store
If for set-up only might be able to get it at no to a very small fee.

Expo

- Use Mosaic for exhibitor sign-ups

Leadership Development Events

- Contact Havens for Extemp Supervision
Jack has agreed to coordinate the Extemp contest. He will work with Shay on what she has done in the past few years and coordinate development of topics for state.

Hotels

- Move staff from Holiday Inn to Sheraton (except Hugh and Charles)
Not a problem. We have plenty of single rooms available at the Sheraton.
- Mid-February cut off date for rooms. Adjust attrition numbers at that time.

General

- Food Vouchers
Not a problem at Golden One, but will need to work with Food Trucks at CC.

- Vehicle for moving staff
Limited traffic on "K" street. Will check with city on availability.
- Meet with Police Chief on security/safety protocols
Will set up a meeting as we get close to ensure safety and security concerns.
- Vagrants on "K" Street
Discussions have already occurred. City has Ambassadors downtown already.