

Midwinter Institute Minutes

Date: 12-6-25

Location: Modesto Junior College

Start Time: 8:27am

Business Meeting

Meeting was called to order:

1. Matt Patton gave an update from Sacramento.
2. COS update on next mid winter
3. Carrie Peterson- Western Growers Association funding has been approved. Less for internships and travel. Industry partners for guest speakers for classes.
4. University Updates were given from University of Nevada Reno, California State University-Fresno, and California State University-Stanislaus.

Past Business

The CATA post-secondary division requests the following from CATA secondary leadership in regards to Regional Meetings.

1. All post-secondary community colleges and Universities with agricultural programs are invited to all regional meetings through reasonable and advanced communication by regional leadership. Institutions that RSVP by the timeline expressed shall be provided with a 2-min update on the agenda, knowing that not all institutions can attend based on factors out of the control by the agricultural faculty.
2. For those institutions that cannot attend in person but RSVP in time, alternative updates (i.e. Digital flyer, video, etc.) shall be shared with regional membership during the regional meeting.

New Business and Action Items

1. Committee Meetings
 - a. **Inservice (Charlie Abee)**
 - i. Discussed budget for Mid Winter MJC wound up about \$13,188 and secured \$500 sponsorship keeping it close to the agreed upon budget of \$12,500 (50 people @ \$250/person)
 - ii. Reviewed Midwinter 2026 at College of the Sequoias.
 1. Advice given
 - a. Don't block hotel rooms
 - b. Set judging card up to get numbers for tours and allow guest to pay.
 - c. Fewer tours
 - iii. Discussed declining membership and need to get more people involved in CATA and attending Mid Winter

- iv. Discussed future Mid Winter Locations
 - 1. Desi moved to remove Victor Valley College for 2027 Kim seconded
 - a. Nicole amended the motion to insert Hartnell for 2027
 - 1. Mid Winter Schedule would reflect
 - 2. 2026 College of the Sequoias
 - 3. 2027 Hartnell
 - 4. 2028 Merced
 - 5. 2029 Bakersfield
 - 6. 2030 Butte
 - 2. Amendment was seconded and passed by voice vote
 - 3. Amended main motion was approved by a voice vote.
- v. Emphasis was placed on reaching out to CATA eligible college instructors and explain the benefits of Mid Winter and CATA.

b. Affairs/Relations/Visioning- 12/6/25

Members in Attendance: Troy Gravatt, Arthur Faria, Kattie Sanchez, Cody Jacobson, Dr. Odeh

Community College Advisory Committee IDEAS

- i. Chairs from each local community college would join advisory
- ii. Is there an overall interest in continuing the committee
 - 1. Send Survey (to deans and instructors/faculty)
 - a. Do you think this should be started back up?
 - b. Send nomination names & emails for committee members
 - c. CATA -> send email out with survey (Arty will create survey and send to Carrie)
- iii. Making Summer Conference for Viable for Post-Secondary
 - 1. There was an attempt to do PD (tours) during summer conference, not well attended
 - 2. Rooms were available this year for Post-Secondary for our meetings, well attended

c. Curriculum (Tony Farao)

- i. Meeting Leader: Chris Chaney
- ii. Overview

The group reviewed curriculum edits across agriculture disciplines, discussed C-ID review timelines, and examined transferability and approval issues affecting core agriculture courses. Updates were shared on Ag Mechanics curriculum resources, model course shell development, and CalGETC implications.

- iii. Key Discussion Points
 - 1. C-ID Review and Curriculum Alignment - Brandi Asmos:
 - a. Most disciplines approved the curriculum edits collected over the past two years.
 - b. C-ID currently lists 2029 as the next review date. Past dates (2023, 2025, and a system display of 2020) created confusion.
 - c. Faculty must decide whether to request an earlier C-ID review.
 - d. C-ID alignment supports ADTs and may provide priority admission at impacted CSU programs.
 - 2. Transfer and Course Requirements
 - a. Institutions vary on required accounting courses for the Ag Business ADT.
 - b. TOP and CIP coding inconsistencies continue to cause course denials under CalGETC.
 - c. Brandi Asmos: Woodland College submitted a resolution for clearer GE qualification standards.
 - d. Intro to Animal Science receives life science credit only for lecture. Labs are not currently accepted.
 - 3. Ag Mechanics Course Repository
 - a. Chris McKenna and Kyle Beeman are building a repository of Ag Mechanics course outlines and descriptors for the CATA website to support new faculty.
 - 4. Ag Technology Curriculum Updates
 - a. Reedley College is adding Ag Technology to Ag Production coursework to reduce the master's degree requirement for faculty teaching those areas.
 - 5. CVC Model Course Shells
 - a. Plug and Play courses based on the C-ID approved courses. To be built starting with Introduction to Ag Business and then building from their
 - b. Tony Farao to work on CVC – OEI Approved Course template so teams can start building in Canvas. Goal is to have these courses posted to Canvas Commons as a free resource.
 - 6. CalGETC and Course Qualification
 - a. Erin Allan Hancock shared examples related to Animal Science courses that may qualify for CalGETC under specific conditions.
- iv. Action Items
 - 1. Brandi Asmos: Prepare and distribute a summary of curriculum edits by discipline.
 - 2. Brandi Asmos: Send discipline-specific survey to determine whether faculty want an early C-ID review request.
 - 3. Brandi Asmos: Start early review request process if supported by survey results.
 - 4. Chris McKenna and Kyle Beeman: Continue developing Ag Mechanics curriculum repository.
 - 5. Anthony M. Farao: Provide information for volunteers to serve as C-ID reviewers.

6. Anthony M. Farao and Kim Donaher: Continue developing the Ag Business model course shell aligned with CVC standards for the Plug and Play project.
 7. Interested Faculty: Contact Tony Farao to help build model course shells for Plant Science, Ag Business, or Animal Science.
 8. Brandi Asmos: Deliver an update on the FDRG process at the summer conference.
- v. Adjournment
1. The group confirmed continued collaboration on curriculum alignment, C-ID review preparation, and ongoing model course shell development.

d. **Student Activities-** 12/6/25 9:05 am

- i. Meeting leader Jennifer Sousa
- ii. Attendance: Jennifer Sousa, Trevor Autry, Rebecca Mendonza, Celia Casso, Tina Candelo-Mizo, Brian Wolf, Michael Leishman, Natalie Schuessler
- iii. Apporval of Minutes
 1. Trevor Moved, Natalie Second motion approved unanimously
- iv. Old Business
 1. CAL Competition Hosting
 - a. Modesto Junior College will host the 2025 CAL Competition in conjunction with the Collegiate Jackpot Show on February 27-28
 - b. CAL contest will take place February 27 only
 - c. Livestock show continues February 27-28.

Contest Information

 - d. All contest details will be posted by early February

Contest Additions and Adjustments

 - e. Agriculture Education (Ag Ed) event added to align with NACTA-style competitions
 - f. Knowledge Bowl rounds shortened
 2. Farm Bureau Discussion Meet
 - a. Hosted by Modesto on November 15
 - b. Central location, strong judges, smooth event
- v. Discussion Items
 1. Ag Ambassador Conference - Fresno State
 - a. Conference well organized,; Fresno State thanked for hospitality
 - b. Students enjoyed workshops, speakers, and tours
 2. Fall 2026 conference to be hosted by Chico State; dates expected by 2026 Summer Conference
- vi. Adjournment
 1. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 am

2. Raffle

3. **Adjournment: 11:41**

Submitted By:

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