

## Midwinter Institute Minutes

Date: 12-2-23

Location- Butte College

Start Time: 8:05 am

### Business Meeting

Meeting was called to order:

1. Heather Baltis introduced the water tool kit program.
2. Carrie Petersen, Next Generation AG Grant
  - a. Presented students and teacher opportunities
    - i. Purpose is to ag employers, faculty and students in a clearing house of resources
    - ii. Internships especially specialty crops
    - iii. Stipend for externships
    - iv. Spotlight if ag videos will be placed on our website
3. Sherri Freeman and Ivan Trujillo, Fresno State ACRS 21 project
  - a. Readiness skills certificate pathway program
  - b. 200 high schools as well as community college and hopefully universities
  - c. Looking into modules at the community college level
  - d. Ivan and Sherri reviewed the statistics of the impact ARS21 has on developing evidence of our student success.
  - e. There is one more year of funding.
4. Charlie Abee, California Agriculture Irrigation Association
  - a. In need of employees for positions in the irrigation industry that cover many areas of business. Looking for ways to provide resources and assistance to the college and students in order to connect students with employment opportunities.
5. College Reports
  - a. Chico State – Jessica Toombs: New pre-vet pathway, Ag business received a 1 million dollar grant for the wholesome foods project, plant science is looking to expand, ag education has 24 new teachers ready to join the industry, Have big changes with all leadership new this year at the college.
  - b. Fresno State – Sherri Freeman: Ag ed 261 enrolled, 47 credential students and 20 in the master program. ACRS 21 offer 4-\$1000 scholarships. Please have students apply for the 1 million dollars in scholarships. Animal Science positions available to replace professors in Dairy and Beef areas. Field Days are Winter- February 3<sup>rd</sup> is Spring - April 21<sup>st</sup>
  - c. Stanislaus – Sofia Brizuela-Obando: Horticulture and Sustainable Ag positions are open. New President of the college. General advising happens with the faculty rather than counselors so if your students have questions or enrollment please contact her. Had a very successful Career event on campus with 12 ag industries represented.
  - d. UC Davis- Joe Lee: Incoming freshmen event will be happening this year. New dean in Fall 24 due retirement. There is a new major: Ag and Environmental Technology which is in conjunction with the Innovation Center construction due to a 50-million-dollar donation. The center will include student labs, classrooms, conference and seminar rooms. Plant science program has been redesigned. Horse sale from the student projects was very successful bringing in \$78,000. New search for the Dean of Education. Ag education department has 4

students in the Master program. Transfer credit for Chem has changed and requires a full year of chem at the CC level.

- e. University of Nevada, Reno – Trena Kimler-Richards: Please contact her if you have any students who are interested. New Ag education professor with 8 students, Ambassador program going well having \$3000 scholarships available for some of those students. Vet-science program has worked with the vet school in Utah who will pay 15 qualified students' tuition for the next 30 years to work in the state once they have completed their education. Offer a Master degree in Rangeland management along with an in state online fieldwork certificate. Also mentioned the Rustici scholarship from CA farm bureau that is renewable for \$5000.
6. Matt Patton, CATA Executive Director
  - a. CSU and UC enrollment down but CC has increased
  - b. New Chancellor focused on Dual Enrollment
    - i. Even though students enter the 4 year with dual enrollment courses they are not considered transfer students and are still freshmen.
  - c. \$100,000 of CATA membership money has been moved to a 13-month CD earning 4.3%.
  - d. An Ag Ed strategic Plan has been developed and will be shared through email for review and comments.

## New Business and Action Items

1. Morning Committee Meeting Reports
  - a. Curriculum – Richard Chapman (see minutes included - Nikki Maddux)
    - i. CID course descriptions and COR were reviewed on Friday and shared with the committee.
    - ii. Those modifications will be sent out to the Instructors in each area
  - b. Student Leadership – Tim Brown (see minutes included – Kim Donaher)
    - i. Funding for student conferences were discussed
    - ii. Tightening up the schedule on the Ag Ambassador conference would be recommended
    - iii. Cal Competition event information will be sent out by Merced College. It was discussed to set a more permanent date for this event.
  - c. Inservice – Tom Williams (see minutes included)
    - i. Summer CATA Conference
      1. Industry tours on Tuesday afternoon
      2. Have work committee meetings on Tuesday mornings
    - ii. Question of if the Joint meeting is really a joint meeting and do we get anything out of it?
    - iii. We need to look at different funding sources for our conferences and meetings
    - iv. Discussion on how we get more colleges here to the conferences
      1. Is it money?
      2. Outreach to college that don't normally come
      3. Making them more purposeful to those college
      4. Include them as speakers for share out of great things happening at their college
    - v. Midwinter Institute locations
      1. Bakersfield – 2024

2. Modesto – 2025
3. COS – 2026
- d. Affairs and Relations (Vision) – Andrew Ornelas
  - i. Reviewed the purpose and goals of the committee
  - ii. Outreach to other community college members to get more instructors to our events
  - iii. Website and Social Media
    1. Landing Pages for each conference or event that is easy to find resources and information
      - a. Midwinter page with tabs of speaker contact information and flyers, brochures, links, etc.
    2. Potential Post-Secondary email alert or bulletin of legislative and policy information to all colleges so that they may see the value of CATA
  - iv. Alternative funding sources were discussed for our events
    1. Troy Gravatt mentioned that he would assist in looking for regional grants to support funding and MJC would be the fiscal entity for that money.
  - v. Do we reinstate the Advisory Committee?
    1. Discussion of historical usefulness of the advisory committee in saving programs, increasing value to programs at a college, auditing colleges for recommendations and commendations
    2. Russell McKeith volunteered to send out a survey to the colleges’ instructors regarding the Advisory committee.
    3. A recommendation to form a task force to review the Advisory committee value and reinstatement was brought before the group.
    4. **Motion: Tony Faraο moved to form a committee that will review the value and reinstatement of the advisory committee.**
      - a. **Nick Deftereos – Seconded the Motion**
    5. Main motion was brought to the floor by voice vote
      - a. Affirmative won by majority
      - b. No votes in the opposition
    6. **Motion Passed by voice vote**
      - a. Committee members
        - i. Andrew Ornelas, Chair, Brandi Asmus, Kevin Woodard, Troy Gravatt
  - e. It was recommended by Nick Deftereos to include the Treasurer’s report with Charlie Abee. This will be included in all meetings.
  - f. Raffle
  - g. Adjournment: 1:30pm

*Submitted By:*

*Nikki Maddux, CATA Post-Secondary Secretary*

*Attached: Committee Minutes*

## Minutes: Curriculum Committee

Richard Chapman, Chair

Date: 12/1-2/23

Location: Butte College

### 12-1-23: 1:00pm-3:00pm

1. Introduction of instructors
2. Directions for Reviewing CID course descriptors were given.
  - a. Instructors broke up into their career pathways to recommend changes on the google form shared with everyone.
    - i. Courses were reviewed for changes in the following:
      1. Textbooks
      2. Course Outline
      3. Course Description
      4. Units

### 12-2-23: 10:00am-11:30am

1. Instructors shared out the actions taken on Friday regarding COR modifications
2. Discussion was introduced on CAL GETZ approval of courses that meet GE breadth
  - a. Must apply for approval in CAL GETZ regardless of if it met the GE breadth before
  - b. Instructors who have already received approval offered to share their courses
  - c. Some CAL GETZ courses may be grandfathered in but please check with articulation officers to make sure paperwork has been completed

Submitted by:

Nikki Maddux, Merced College

## Minutes: Inservice Committee

Chair: Tim Williams

Attendance:

Larry Dinis Reedley, Nick Deftereos Reedley, Desi Molyneux Reedley, Kim Pitigliano COS, Bruce Enyeart Butte College, Jennifer Charles-Tollerup Butte College, Jarad Parker Butte College, Rick Wittsell Butte College, Howard Lewis CRC, Heather Baltis Backersfield, Adolfo Brisero Bakersfield, Tom Williams Butte College.

Action Items:

1. Motion:
  1. Moved to approve Summer Conference 2023 Minutes

made by: Bruce Enyeart second: Rick Wittsell Pass\_\_X\_ Fail\_\_\_

Notes:

- II. Discussion on Summer Conference

- A. Howard suggested perhaps some industry tours be provided for post-secondary attendees.
- B. We discussed the need for more post-secondary time.
- C. It was questioned if the “joint meeting” is truly joint?
- D. Discussion about a speaker for Summer Conference
- E. It was decided that one tour for three disciplines would be a great trial for the industry tours. Howard is going to reach out to Carrie to try to get on the agenda.
- F. It was determined that the best time for the tours would be Tuesday after lunch.

III. 2024 Midwinter Bakersfield College preliminary questions

- A. Heather asked if it would be appropriate to reach out to Colleges that have not attended, Jennifer offered a student generated list of all community college ag faculty and deans in California.
- B. Heather also asked if it would be appropriate for colleges to present on things that are new or exciting on their campus.
- C. It was asked how many industry tour stops would be ideal
- D. A question was asked about planning and budgeting for mid-winter without a known number of attendees, it came about that 50-70 attendees seems appropriate.
- E. Maybe the next host college should present at Mid-Winter

IV. Other business

- A. Howard brought up perhaps seeking out a grant to replace the funds that we lost. We discussed using grant writing firm Morrison and Co. to help with this endeavor.
- B. We discussed that perhaps our membership/participation at the post-secondary level of CATA seems to be diminishing.
  - i. Do we need to start doing some outreach? If so who would be responsible?
  - ii. Is this something that should be covered under the vision committee?
  - iii. Maybe this needs a new committee as this is an important issue?
  - iv. We could ask a non-participating college to present at mid-winter.

V. Future Sites and Dates for Midwinter

- a. 2024 – Bakersfield College
- b. 2025 – Modesto College
- c. 2026 – COS
- d. 2027 – Looking for a volunteer school

It was determined that we should wait for Summer Conference to try to find a host college for 2027 Mid-Winter as there should be more attendees from the southern part of the state

*Email to Post-Secondary officer team & cata@calagteachers.org*

## Minutes: Student Activities Committee

Chair: Tim Brown

- No corrections
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Tony Farao
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kim Donaher
- Motion passed by unanimous vote

### Old Business:

#### A. NACTA – MJC

- Went very well
- Next conference on April 17-20 at Twin Falls, Idaho
- Very tense competition but well received

#### B. State Ag Ambassador Conference – Chico

- Well received by students
- Commendation - Appreciated soft skill development opportunities
- Commendation – interaction & networking with industry representatives
- Would like to create a daily schedule so that students have activities each day and night
  - ✓ Recommendation – create options for Friday night (nothing to do)
  - ✓ Liked tours on Friday afternoon
  - ✓ Liked Sunday workshops from each CSU

### New Business:

#### A. History of CAL Fall & Spring Conferences and Ag Ambassador Conference

- (historical) difference between conferences
- Discussed how the conferences have changed in recent years
- Will no longer refer to CAL events (CAL does not exist)
- There is no funding for these conferences. It is a burden for CSU's. Need solve this funding problem for any strategic planning to take place.
- Need to establish permanent funding source to relieve burden on CSU's. If CSU's are going to pay, then it should be an ongoing shared expense so it doesn't fall only on one institution.
- Cal Poly, SLO will host an Ag Ambassador Conference (date TBA) in early Spring 2025. The following spring (2026) will be at Fresno State. The CSU's have created a state-wide Ag Ambassador Executive Committee which meets to plan these conferences.
- Discussed need for grant to fund CAL

#### B. Farm Bureau Meeting in Reno 2023. Will be in Monterey 2024

#### C. Spring CAL Competition @ Merced College

- Date: Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>
- MC will contact Farm Bureau and Fresno State to get resources for Job Interview Contests and/or awards.
- Fresno State Ag Ambassadors will read college bowl questions
- Merced College will send out contest descriptions and rules, registration information, schedule and other details asap so colleges can make their plans.

#### D. Future Ag Ambassador Leadership Conferences

- 2025 – Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in early spring
- 2026 – Fresno State