

## Post Secondary Division Meeting Report (Monday/Tuesday)

**Attendance:** Please see Attendance List

### Minutes:

The Mid-Winter minutes have been posted on the CATA Post-Secondary [Page](#).

Tuesday Approval of minutes: Motion to approve: Lori Marchy and 2<sup>nd</sup> Desi M.

Voice Majority vote unanimous, Passed.

Action items:

### Monday, June 24 and Tuesday, June 25

- Welcome
- New teacher introductions
- Butte: Esther Kim, Bonnie Baxter, MJC: Katie Schmidig, Kyle Beaman, Michela Fringer, Joel Speeler Reedley: Trevor Autry, Lemoore: Grant Ermis, Tony Farao, Merced: Karl Montegue Coalinga: Samantha Schmidt.
  
- Midwinter summary: Nikki
  - Thank you to Butte College for a tremendous midwinter conference that provided opportunity to tours area industries, talk with the Industry professionals and associations that are reaching out to offer opportunities to our colleges and students.
- Next Generation Agriculture Worker: Carrie Peterson, Rachelle Antinetti,
  - Rachelle Speaker, (Carrie Petersen on behalf) – Special crops block grant 40 students enrolled in the internships program. Funds are available to industry. New Linkedag.com is the website tool that posts internship opportunities for all students. Ag Tec X events this year. Sign up with QR codes for questions
  - Rachelle, Ag Council of CA – Grant ends in 2025.
  - Heidi Harris: Summary of accomplishments in Region 1 (north), Defining internships. Video of community event small farming and niche markets.
  - Rachelle Antinetti, Founder, Amplivare Region 2; Summary of the year. MJC Student Industry Tours and classroom visits. Industry events hosted by MJC and partnerships. Student internship interviews. Collaboration with Stanislaus and with Delta College breaking bread with industry. Curriculum development survey QR code passed out.
  - Lydia Chan-Natney, Vista Consulting, Region 5: Southern moved into internships position at small to medium size operations. Exposure of food systems and collaborations with colleges and universities. Working with small operators.
- Ag Ambassadors Conference: Tommy Henderson and Freeman
  - Cal Poly (10/18-20/24)
    - Team workshops

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- Industry Connection event
  
- California Farm Bureau: Ryan Amaral: Farm show handouts and earlier email. Discussion Meet contest this year (November 18<sup>th</sup>). Open discussion meet is in December. Farm bureau membership available as well. National YF&R conference provides opportunities for students (March in Denver). Come by the booth!! Annual Meeting is in Monterrey.
  
- CATA Postsecondary budget: Charlie Abee
  - \$35,209.36 after midwinter \$37,644.42 income includes the charge of registration.
  
- CAL Competition: Kim Donaher
  - Summary – Reviewed budget of the events, 50 participants which was very low. College Bowl most popular and Job Interview came in second low participation. Career development events but change the day to some industry tours and a platform of the Dairy challenge.
  
- CATA Postsecondary website: Jacob Vazquez;
  - We have a landing page on CATA website.
  
- CCC Minimum qualifications: Desiree Molyneux
  - Any degree with professional experience is acceptable
    - Agriculture area – Requires a master We would like to change this requirement.
      - We can do this if it is of interest
        - Contact support of proposal with association to approve
        - Procedures could go through same process as others
        - Evidence of Master's degree in this area is limited and cannot reach this requirement
        - Would like a letter of support from the group and include minutes
        - People interested assisting (due sept 30<sup>th</sup>) Coalinga (Chris), Bakersfield (Lyndsey), Woodland (), Butte (Jacob), MJC (Lori), Merced (Nikki)
        - Concern is that if we remove the masters will this affect the science GE courses dealing with CALGETZ.
        - Move that coalition of colleges proceed with changing the degree from masters to any degree added.
        - "Form a coalition of colleges to proceed with changing the Agriculture area from a Masters minimum requirement to any degree plus experience"
        - Main, Nick Defteros

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris (Coalinga)
- Motion Passes with Majority.
  
- CATA Update: Matt Patton
  - Review of policies and proposals
    - AB 3110 – pre-apprenticeship funding
  - Cutbacks due to 5% decrease in state funding and most received at least a 5% salary increase which leads to a 10% deficit.
  - Please bring any issues dealing with policies let Matt know in order to not miss something. Reach out please.
  - Concern on the emissions issue on purchasing district vehicles and district interpretation on approval of purchases.
  
- UNR University Reports
  - University, Reno Trinna: Workshop tomorrow soil infiltration lab with tools and resources. Rangeland Ecology Degree program. Students out of Reno will be vetted and top 10 will have out of state tuition waived (\$200,000) must do senior intern and rotation in Utah from Utah State. Hybrid online certification qualify for rangeland program management specialist.
  - UC Davis: Lynne Martindale Looking for a Dean, Any students get to Joel
  - Chico State, Tommy Henderson Grant construction of New Center on the farm that includes retail store and conference room. Breaking ground next month. Fruit stand event. Field Day February 8<sup>th</sup>. 34 students' teachers coming out in fall. Developed three programs to connect students before they start
  - Fresno State, Sharon Freeman: Hiring freeze on positions but hope to have one open next year. Masters students graduated recently and now in outreach. They would love to come to your school. Call to schedule.
  
- Puerto Rico Pro Dev: Tommy Henderson
  - Professional development trip for teachers – 16 teachers in pilot program just got back a week ago. Toured their industries and a teacher exchange and saw the excited places. Cultural appreciation result. Max is 20 teachers for next year. \$2450 not with airfare. Shared pictures of trip.
  
- Nick Griffith, Porterville College: Plan to be more active in CATA with ag positions being hired.

**Post Secondary Committee Reports - All were by Majority Voice Vote**

**Affairs and Relations (Andrew Ornelas):** Professional development ideas for the high schools. Dual enrollment workshops and grant workshops. Advisory committee platforms to be more industry driven. Becoming a secondary educator. Survey of state conference schedule. Minimum quals discussion. Main: Rick 2<sup>nd</sup> Vote Approved

**Curriculum (Richard Chapman):** Discussion of motion from yesterday's meeting and motion to include ag tech under ag engineering. Vote was to approve. Discussion of FRG, Cal Getz requirements and items to consider moving forward. Main: Rick 2<sup>nd</sup> Limone Vote and report approved

**Inservice (Lindsay Ono):** Report on Midwinter in December at Bakersfield College. Flyers for hotel reservations to be reserved. Discussed possible tours. Promotion of midwinter conference attendance ideas were discussed in increased participation. Connection of non-CATA colleges. Funding for professional development activities needs to be researched. Sessions on resource share workshops during Midwinter. Engage the deans in these meetings with more participation to bridge the gap. MJC will be hosting 2025. Made a Motion: Create a mission statement for post-secondary CATA according to our objective. Request the vision committee or officers to create a mission statement for the group. Motion was passed. Main: Howard 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tommy Vote and Report approved

**Main: Desi Second: Lindsay: Leadership team will develop a mission statement for the Post-Secondary Division to present at MidWinter for discussion and approval.**

**Student Activities (Lori Marchy):** Reaching out to missing colleges to find out why not attending. Incorporating the Cal competition with the Livestock show in March. Adding new contests and platforms. Secure funding for the events. Main and 2<sup>nd</sup> report approved'

### **Post-Secondary communication with the Secondary Group in terms of CATA meetings.**

Discussion on feelings about how regions should handle UC, CSU and CC updates. What is the balance in these updates where the group is feeling included but not obligated. There was historical perspective of the importance of being a part of the group. A possible option of online, video or in-person. An idea was to do a rotation that state college rotate and attend when state is in a closer local to be in-person. Example Cal Poly could do regional reports during state conference. Regional presidents should be encouraged to invite colleges and provide space and resource upload of information with the flexibility to present. Matt will be presenting to post governing board our thoughts.

**Main Motion: Tommy Hendersen: Moved to refer to a committee chair by a post secondary officer who will discuss ideas and action items regarding ways to connect to the Secondary Division.**  
2<sup>nd</sup> : Andrew Ornelas Majority Vote: Approved

### **Nominations for Post-Secondary Office**

Chris McKenna – Fresno State nominated

Nominations closed – Desi M., There's a second. Majority Vote Passed

Congratulations to Chris!!!

### **Retiree Recognition**

*Dave Lopes*

***President Recognition - Jacob Vasquez***

***John Schueber:*** Shared a concern about the CC advisory committee reinstatement and would like to be involved in the transition of new design and group. No one made in discussion on program review and hope that we don't lose that activity.

**Tommy Discussed the Industry Tour - Seven volunteered to go.**

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