

## CR AG Advisory Committee Meeting 8/16/10

### Minutes

The meeting began at 4:00 p.m. in room AT 108 at CR. Those present were: Franz Rulofson, Noah Corp, Nate Swenson, Mike Peterson, Pru Ratliff, Wes Anderson, Katherine Ziemer, Donna, Wildearth, Donna Brink, Colette Beaupre, John Vevoda, Jeff Marsee.

Noah Corp was introduced as the new Farm Manager. Noah came from Redding where he worked for the Shasta District High School Farm. He was their farm manager and Agriculture teacher. Introductions were made.

Twenty of the agriculture course outlines were updated over the summer. This resulted in some changes in course numbers and titles in order to bring them in line with statewide curriculum. Three new courses have been submitted. They include AG 55 Viticulture, AG 42 Agriculture Leadership and AG 35 Agriculture Sales and Communication. These proposals have been submitted to the curriculum committee. AG 55 Viticulture was approved in May.

The Agriculture degrees and certificates have been updated to reflect the new courses, course numbers and titles. These changes will go to the curriculum committee this fall. Franz is going to look into developing a course in Livestock Selection and Evaluation.

The Agriculture program was given permission to use the 25 acres of pasture across the road from the main campus. This is a wet piece of ground that would be suitable for dairy heifers or beef. The committee encouraged Franz to pursue raising dairy replacement heifers during the drier season. Franz will see if a local dairy would lend 10-15 heifers to be used in the animal science classes.

There is an old home next to this pasture that would be suitable for Ag student housing. Katherine Ziemer volunteered her husband to evaluate its usefulness. President Marsee agreed that this would be a good use of the facility.

There was discussion of a welcome student BBQ to be held September 9<sup>th</sup> at the CR greenhouse. The time will be from 4-6 p.m. Greg Dale volunteered his BBQ and Oysters. Katherine will supply salad, veggie burgers, drinks and chips, Donna Brink will get plates and utensils, Noah will donate some grass fed beef burgers. This will be a time for new and returning students to meet the staff, faculty and agriculture producers from our area.

Franz was asked by President Marsee to see if Ag students from Questa Community College get preference into Cal poly. There was some discussion from the committee suggesting this was probably not the case.

A topic of discussion for our next meeting will be looking at what appropriate agriculture classes could or should be taught at the Hoopa and Garberville sites.

Another area that needs more discussion is fundraising for fencing and other supplies needed for the on campus farm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.