

## **CR AG Advisory Committee Meeting 9/17/12**

The meeting was held at the Humboldt County Farm Bureau office at 5:00 p.m.

Those in attendance included: Franz Rulofson, Noah Corp, Jim Smith, Sandy Dale, Gene Sarvinski, Jennie Mullen, and Katherine Ziemer. Those consulted that were not able to attend on the 17<sup>th</sup> include: Julie Houtby, John Vevoda, and Jared Zystro

Franz restated the purpose of this meeting. The College has a \$2 budget deficit, the AG program has a 46% fill rate of the courses offered, we need to look at our degrees and courses and set a priority for the next few years knowing that things are going to be tight.

Background information was handed out that included our current course and degree inventories. Many courses and two degrees were added over the last several years anticipating growth to the program. Enrollment was down this year at CR and especially in the AG program. The AG courses that count as GE are always full along with Plant Propagation and to some extent Nursery Practices.

Recruitment efforts paid off well last year. However, that trend did not materialize this year. Reasons for this may be: CR's accreditation status, increased cost of enrollment, and that many top students from the area High Schools went directly to CSU's. Noah and the AG Leadership club are continuing with recruitment. On September 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a CR Farm open house in conjunction with the HCAFF monthly farm tour. Students from Fortuna, Eureka, McKinleyville, and Ferndale High Schools will take part.

It was recommended that the AG program reduce its course offering and degree choices until the point the program outgrows its current capacity. One AS degree in general agriculture was recommended with the addition of a Certificate of Recognition in Agriculture Production. The AS in Plant Science and the AS in Agriculture Business Management will be inactivated. Three courses were recommended to be updated with course title changes. They include: AG 30, AG 43, and AG 51. It is anticipated that these changes will be implemented this spring semester.

The proposed revised AS.AG. General degree is attached along with the proposed Certificate of Recognition – Agriculture Production.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Eureka High School. Watch for more information on this meeting. Please save this date.

Special thanks to Katherine Ziemer for hosting the meeting and to Noah Corp for providing pizza and dessert. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.