

College of the Redwoods Farm Ag Advisory Committee Meeting
Humboldt County Farm Bureau Office
April 5, 2017

Attending: Franz Rulofson (CR faculty), Secretary Janet Sclar (Farm Bureau Board member), Jeff Stackhouse (County Cooperative Extension agent), Walt Giacomini (beef rancher), Holly Krebs (row crops farmer and FB board member), Johanna Rodoni (FB board member), Sandy Dale (NorthCoast Ag Partners NCAP), Julie Houtby (American Ag Credit), Jared Zystro (Research & Education Assistant Director, Organic Seed Alliance)

In President Ziemer's absence, Franz called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

1. Introductions were made and the previous meeting minutes of Sept 7, 2016. Discussion ensued on how to distribute future minutes prior to the next meeting.
2. Franz reported that Erin Wahl is the new incoming Dean at CR. Burt Walker is back teaching part time. The Ag Dept is still looking for other part time teachers. There is money for student summer help at the farm and 1 day/week help now.
3. Update on the Farm:
 - A - No on-site manager at this time since John resigned due to poor health. Franz is doing the job part-time (till 2018) as well as teaching on campus.
 - B - The farm is locked, but there has been evidence of moved equipment and maybe some theft.
 - C - Two female students are going to take on the Farm Stand on campus, growing vegetables.
 - D - Alfalfa will be replanted.
 - E - Fifteen-year-old fences are being replaced with student help, and the high-tensile fence is being removed.
 - F - Goats made a mess of the orchard, so it is being reworked with forty trees being re-grafted.
 - G - Four acres of the farm had to be dropped from organic certification so that the comfrey overgrowth could be eradicated.
 - H - The Farm may put on a corn and tomato day later on this summer or fall.
4. Franz said that the CTEA equipment grant has been applied for in regards to a soil pasteurization boiler for the greenhouse, and a small animal holding facility. Decisions are made in May.
5. Franz recapped the realignment of the Ag Curriculum/Degrees and Certificates classes, and possible skill gaps in the industry were discussed. The committee was in agreement with the proposed changes to the AG.AS and the AA.LA. Ag emphasis degrees.
6. At present there will be no cannabis degree program at CR.
7. The annual plant sale will be held in the greenhouse April 28 and 29.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Janet L. Sclar