

FOOD INDUSTRY GROUP BOARD MEETING

Minutes

September 6, 2008

Food Science Building, Room 252

Attendees: Lyndsay Bashore, Larry Campbell, John Coupland, Tom Dimick, Stephanie Doores, Ed Dudley, John Floros, Frank Furman, Dave Geise, Dean Girton, Bruce Kiefer, Elizabeth Lenihan, Ferlin Patrick, Tim Risser, Jerry Rundle, Don Thompson

Welcome (T. Risser)

- Tim Risser opened the meeting at 10:07 am and read a thank you letter to FIG from Lyndsay Bashore for FIG's student support to attend IFT AM/FE

Secretary's Report (E. Lenihan)

- Elizabeth Lenihan reviewed the minutes from the July 11, 2008 meeting.
- Motion was made to approve the minutes and passed.

Treasurer's Report (B. Kiefer)

- Bruce Kiefer presented the Treasurer's report: (see attached for more details)
- Our account balance is \$6552.33
- Membership is 82 total, including life members
- FIG / Food Science items (i.e. Logo shirts) are for sale (<http://www.foodscience.psu.edu/Research/FIG/fig.html>)
- Motion was made to approve the treasurer's report and passed

Food Science Club Report (L. Bashore)

- THANK YOU for Tailgate support. A poster displaying companies who donated food or other gifts is on display to show recognition.
- Thank you again for IFT AM/FE support. In total, 11 undergraduate students and 2 graduate students attended. Lyndsay attended president workshops to share best practices.
- Harvest Fest is at the end of Sept @ Delgrosso's Amusement Park for the Food Science Club fundraiser
- Jerry Rundle asked Lyndsay about the schedule of meetings in order to further develop student support effort for FIG.
 - Meetings are every Monday at 5:30.
 - Jerry will be added to listserv and will be added to an open agenda in the future to discuss FIG Student Support.

Awards and Recognition (L. Campbell)

- 2008 Penn State FIG Student Leadership Award was presented to Lyndsay Bashore. A Lion Statue, with her name engraved, was presented. Her name will also appear on a perpetual plaque displayed in the waiting area of the department administrative office.

Student Support (J. Rundle)

- Continually working to improve Food Industry Day – can Dr. Floros provide a faculty liaison for input?
- Website link is live at <http://www.foodscience.psu.edu/Research/FIG/studentsupport.html>
- Requested time at club meeting to drive further recognition of committee
- John Coupland asked about FIG's involvement in FFA Product Development (high school students) and how is it best to make a connection fruitful
 - J. Coupland will contact FFA PD event planner about the Penn State industry experts available to help
- Dr. Floros mentioned IFT activities which target high school students: Discovery program (brochures, etc available to students and teachers) and Ambassador program (IFT volunteers to talk to students)

Ag Alumni Update (L. Campbell)

- Ag Alum Society Meeting at Progress Days was held on Aug 18
- Election for alumni board was held – included 1 Food Science grad (Roxanne Molnar); 4 total for a 3 year term
- Board voted unanimously to support the transfer of 1,124 acres of land from the Rockview State Correctional Institute to the College of Ag
- Ag Alumni Society was the winner of Networking and Fellowship Award from Penn State Alumni Society
- A new APG was formed for Vet and Biomedical Sciences
- 2008 Ag Live Auction will be held before the Michigan State football game on November 22.
- Committee structure and projects for 2008 include: student engagement, student enrollment, development and advocacy, fellowship, membership building, recognition, and Armsby Society
- 2008 budget was approved at \$61,830.00

FIG Board Update (T. Risser)

- Tricia Wilson was approved to alumni board
- Tricia graduated in 1998 and helped plan 1st two tailgate events
- She has served 10 years at McCormick, recently joining Hershey Foods

PSFIG Spring Conference (T. Risser)

- T. Risser, T. Dimick, M. Stauffer, and McBride met to discuss conference
- FIG will plan conference
- Keystone IFT will plan dinner and keynote speaker
- Thursday March 26 is proposed date in the Harrisburg, PA area
- Two main topics are being explored: Health & Wellness or Ecological Sustainability
 - It was noted that a larger amount of research at Penn State is in the Health & Wellness area
 - **Currently soliciting volunteers for planning - Contact T. Risser if interested!**

Food Science Department Words (J. Floros)

- Thank you to FIG leadership team for continued support
- State budget resulted in ~1.2% increase for Penn State. Once appropriated by the university, the College of Ag did not receive any increase
- Strategic plan is currently in development
- Student Update
 - Incoming freshmen class is the largest in history for Food Science (32 students, 20 at University Park, including 3 Schreyers Honors).
 - Undergrad total is 112-116 students. This is an increase and may put Penn State at the largest program in country. Goal is 150 total.
 - Thank you to Naveen Chikthimma, Juanita Wolfe, Stephanie Doores, John Coupland, and many others to make recruiting a large success
- Faculty Update
 - Joshua Lambert began in the department on June 30 as a Food Biochemist
 - Ryan Elias joined the faculty on August 15th, his research focus is on bioactive ingredients
 - John Hayes will start next summer filling the Sensory Scientist position
- IFT Scholarships – 13 – 15 students have received.
- Department is developing a closer relationship with nutrition department.
- Dean Steele (Dean of College of Agricultural Sciences) is returning to the Food Science Department as a professor sometime next year.