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 Chikthimmah, 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.