

Food Industry Group Board Meeting

Minutes

May 1, 2015

The Hershey Company 19 East Chocolate Ave.

Attendees: Craig Adams, Heather Arentz, Larry Campbell, Tom Dimick, Andy Hirneisen, Sara Kelley, Bruce Kiefer, Ferlin Patrick, Doug Peck, Lex Roberts, Robert Roberts, Marlene Stauffer, Judy Williams, and Nicole Young

- I. Welcome (Andy Hirneisen)
 - Andy opened up the meeting at 10:07 am
 - Around the room introductions

- II. Secretary's Report (Heather Arentz)
 - Heather Arentz reviewed the minutes from the November 1, 2014 meeting.
 - A motion was made to approve the minutes, and the motion was passed.

- III. Treasurer's Report (Bruce Kiefer)
 - Bruce Kiefer presented the Treasurer's report. See attached for more information.
 - Our current balance is \$5325.11 as of May 1, 2015
 - There are 68 active dues paying members including Board members and Life members.
 - A motion was made to approve the report, and the motion passed.

- IV. Membership Discussion
 - We have seen membership declining over the years. Why?
 - We could send postcards as well as the online registration for the tailgate to capture data.
 - Tell members what dues support to encourage them to join. Link what the Food Science club is doing to see what dues go to.
 - Tom to find out the design of the postcard and the cost.
 - Sara Kelley will work on developing the content.
 - There was a motion to approve the expenditures of \$1000 for development and cost of sending postcards. Motion approved.
 - There will be follow-up for dues after the tailgate.
 - The design should be done by the July meeting and send out 1 month after the tailgate.

- V. Food Science Club Update (Tom Dimick for Food Science Club)
 - The incoming president is Ann Puzak
 - The club participate in many activities.

- A. Presentations
 - a. Interview do and don'ts by Dr. Doores
 - b. Resume building
 - c. Various company presentations
 - d. Grad studies information sessions by Dr. Dudley
- B. Fundraising
 - a. Ag Progress Days mushroom sales
 - b. Delgrosso Harvest Fest ice cream sale
 - c. Food Science t-shirt design contest
- C. Service Events
 - a. Breakfast for faculty and staff
 - b. Letters to troops
 - c. Relay for Life
- D. Other Events
 - a. Speed Networking with Dr. Milillo
 - b. Mt. Nittany Hike
 - c. Pumpkin Carving competition
 - d. ServSafe training
- E. Product Development and College Bowl
 - a. Going to nationals for IFTSA
 - b. College Bowl
- F. Upcoming Events
 - a. New t-shirt sales
 - b. Food Science tailgate
 - c. Ag Progress Days
 - d. Delgrosso Harvest Fest

VI. Alumni Society Update/Ag Council (Judy Williams)

- The Alumni Society interviewed and chose 3 students for outstanding ag student.
- Upcoming events: 150th anniversary of the creamery. It will be celebrated for 6 months, starting at Arts Fest.
- October 10 is homecoming and will be celebrating Ag events. Go to their website for more information.
- Election ballots for the Alumni Society are in the Ag Magazine.
- Spring Graduation ice cream social held on May 10. There will be dedicated department areas and a photo booth.
- Ag Progress day's 100th anniversary. There will be an alumni reception and photo area. They are looking to collect an oral history and interview people.
- There are 400+ paid acceptances into the College of Agriculture.

VII. Food Science Department Update (Robert Roberts)

- 2015-2019 strategic plan was approved and is on the website
- There were new hirers
 - Jared Smith, Teaching Laboratory Support Specialist

- Alyssa Chilton, Staff Sensory Scientist
 - Jennifer Meengs, Sensory Coordinator
 - Heather Nowlin, Financial Assistant in Berkey Creamery
- Goal to grow Penn State with sensory science
- There are 240 undergraduates
- There are 43 paid acceptances for Fall 2015
- There are 35 B.S. students graduating in May and 5 at the end of the summer.
- There are 27 Ph.D. students and 13 M.S. students,
- There are 4 International scholars.
- Because of the high amount of students, we are stressing the system
- As a result, they are looking at pre-requisite programs and entrance of major requirements.
- Most of the classes can't be taught in the food science building because the class size is big. That limits how the department operates. There is a desire for an auditorium over pilot plant.
- IFT 2015 reception will be held. Register prior to going.

VII. Awards and Recognition (Judy Williams)

- .The student leadership nominees were reviewed and selected.
- The winners will be notified May 4.

VIII. 2015 Tailgate

- The annual tailgate will be October 3 (Penn State vs. Army)
- Register early
- Cvent registration will be covered by the food science department.
- Dr. Roberts asked for up to \$750 (1/3 of the cost of the Cvent) because it is coming out of the Food Science Club cost.
- Motion was approved to pay for \$750.
- Students are becoming more involved in tailgate.

IX. FIG gift to graduating seniors

- The FIG letters will be send out to all graduating seniors to their home addresses.
- Coasters will be given out at the final exams.
- There are about 200 coasters remaining.

X. Food Industry Day

- Proposing that next year it will be offered for credit during summer session.
- Students would travel to food manufacturing facilities in PA, NJ, and NY (Northeast).
- Difficult to say whether the faculty would also be able to participate during the summer session.

- Ferlin will talk with Jerry Rundle to contact Sara Milillo.

XI. FIG Elections

- FIG Elections will be held at the next board meeting.

Next Board Meeting is July 20, 2014 at Penn State.