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
      o 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.