

Food Industry Group Board Meeting
Minutes
July 12, 2019
342 Erickson Food Science Building

Attendees: Craig Adams, Heather Arentz, Larry Campbell, Tom Dimick, Andy Hirneisen, Sara Kelley, Bruce Kiefer, Doug Peck, Andy Reed, Lexi Roberts, Robert Roberts, Chris Sigler, Marlene Stauffer, Judy Williams, Tricia Wilson

1) Welcome - Marlene Stauffer

- Marlene opened the meeting at 10:03 am.
- Introductions around the table

2) Secretary's report – Heather Arentz

- Review of the April meeting minutes
- Minutes were approved

3) Treasurer's report – Bruce Kiefer

- Transferred checking and saving account to FIG operating fund
- Ending balance for operating funds: \$5,660.46
- FIG International Study fund: \$13,093.00
- Treasurer's report was approved

4) Food Science Department Update – Robert Roberts

- **Department News**
- The 2018 Department Annual Report was submitted to the Dean
- The faculty completed 66 peer-reviewed papers
- Three students received USDA fellowships
71 proposals were submitted and 23 were funded resulting in \$3.1 million in projects initiated. This was an increase of \$1 million
- **Student Enrollment**
 - Current Undergraduate Enrollment is 148 students. There are 160 expected by Fall
 - Spring 2019 graduation – 36 students
 - Graduated Programs
 - Ph.D -14
 - MS – 19
 - Summer graduation expected – 8 (3 Ph.D and 5 MS)
 - Fall 2019 new students – 11 (6 Ph.D and 5 MS)
 - Post Doc Scholars – 3, International Scholars - 1

- **Awards and Recognition**

- **Promotions**

- Dr. Kerry Kaylegian promoted to Associated Research Professor of Food Science
- Dr. Federico Harte promoted to Professor of Food Science
- Dr. Edward Dudley promoted to Professor of Food Science
- Dr. Ryan Elias promoted to Professor of Food Science
- John Coupland named IFT Fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists. It is the highest award in IFT
- Catherine Cutter recipient of the 2019 Gamma Sigma Delta International Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award. Presentation of the award will be in March 2020
- Kira Rigg recipient of the 2019 College of Ag Science Staff Laureate Customer Service Award
- A complete list of Awards and Honors is available at:
<https://foodscience.psu.edu/about/honors-and-awards>

- **Food Science Club**

- Josephine Wee and Chris Sigler are the Food Science Club advisors
- The department is looking at enhancing activities and grow the club
- They have engaged IFT to bring in and talk with Chris for more involvement

- **Food Science Club Executive Board 2019-2020**

- President: David Nguyen (dfn5062@psu.edu)
- Vice President: Iain Olsen
- Secretary: Kaitlyn Frantz
- Treasurer: Aaron Wiedemer
- PR Chair: Taylor Thomas
- Fundraising Chairs: Jacob Ginn and Anne Marie Lozaw
- Shadow Fundraising Chair: Aaron Wiedemer
- IFT Chair: Taylor Thomas
- Ag Relations Chairs: Michael Zaffuto and Dylan Small
- Social Chairs: Kaitlyn Frantz and Anne Marie Lozaw
- Faculty Advisors: Chris Sigler (cms578@psu.edu) and Josephine Wee (jmw970@psu.edu)

5) Food Industry Day – Chris Sigler

- There is an opportunity to visit Lactalis in Buffalo, NY in the Fall. They will also look into seeing if Rich's and Goya who are located there would also allow them to visit.

6) Ag Alumni Society – Judy Williams

- The last meeting was May 18. The next meeting is August.
- Other APGs were discussing if it would make sense to extend the free year after graduation as students have a lot of school loans.
- Would the grace period increase new alumni involvement
 - a) Ag Intern Award
 - There was an issue that the students from Food Science could not be eligible for the award because they participate in paid internships
 - This is a broader issue than just Food Science
 - Alan Schafranek (Director of Alumni Relations) is addressing this and will fix the issue
 - b) Ag Live Donations
 - There is a potential to have a % of donations to go to specific APG/Department
 - It could be a source to fund in the future. It would not occur this year.
 - It could be another way to support Ag Live and the endowment
 - c) Podcast
 - A student Justin Kurtz from Ag Student Council shared a podcast that he developed
 - The podcast focuses on Ag and teaching Ag
 - The Podcast is on itunes and called Teach Ag Talks. See link: <https://podcasts.apple.com/uz/podcast/teach-ag-talks/id1336543116>
 - This is an opportunity for APGs and Departments
 - Discussion on whether we could use it to share student's experiences of international travel.
 - Justin's contact information: jdk46@psu.edu
 - We can have it come to a board meeting to share and discuss

7) FIG Leadership Awards – Judy Williams

- David Nguyen – Undergraduate Winner
- Lisa Caprera – Graduate Winner
- The students were notified before leaving for the summer
- The students will be recognized at the Fall Tailgate
- Discussion around updating the application questions for next year as some questions lead to more subjectivity in judging
- This is a leadership and volunteer-driven award
- The application can be sent out earlier in the semester to allow for more time for judging
- Board member to look at application and provide feedback to Judy.

- FIG will extend an invitation to winners to be join the FIG board once they graduate to increase involvement.
- Include signed card by FIG board members

8) Letters to Graduating Seniors – Tom Dimick

- Letters were mailed to graduating students in early June
- It encourages students to participate in FIG.
- Discussion on getting students to stay involved before they leave PSU
- Tricia to lead and work with Tom, Chris, Lexi, and Craig

9) Student Support Endowment (Experimental Learning) – Next Steps – Dr. Roberts

- It has come along nicely and we are within the distance for an endowment
- It is about \$3000 for students to participate in an international experience
- Student experiences have provided good opportunities. Some countries include Italy, Denmark, and India
- This would provide support for students who wouldn't be able to consider the opportunity.
- Once the endowment is established it will continue to build.
- Create videos of students sharing their experiences
- Action items
 - Landing page on website to decide content on what do we want
 - Work on sharing with spheres of influences
 - See what happens with c-vent and silent auction
 - Work with development office
- Target tailgate to release and launch
- Group to focus on the campaign: Andy H., Tricia, Marlene, Tom, Dr. Roberts
- By the end of July, talk with Lauren and Alan on what is needed to get site set up – Tom and Dr. Roberts
- After that, develop text and testimonies from students - committee

New Business

10) Food Science Tailgate – Tom Dimick

- Tailgate is October 19 – Michigan game
- Registration is up in Cvent: <https://www.cvent.com/events/department-of-food-science-tailgate-2019/registration-beea494b719f4ae28b3311d70a23f271.aspx?fqp=true>
- The Department is not handling football tickets. People will need to buy their own game tickets if they are interested in going to the game
- The tailgate will be inside the food science building

- Letters for food donations have been sent out

11) Silent Auction

- Sara Kelly will lead the silent auction.
- Sara will send out letters for donations

12) Board Members Elections/New Members

President: Marlene Stauffer

Treasurer: Bruce Kiefer

Secretary: Heather Arentz

- Andy Reed has been nominated to join the board. It was approved.
- Gagan Mongia has expressed interest and the board will share more information

13) Other

- Can some operating funds go to endowment? We could move over to see if needed to boost endowment
- 3 courses developed: product design, sensory, and food law

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

All meeting minutes are available online

Next meeting: Tailgate, October 19, 2019