

**Food Industry Group Board Meeting**  
Minutes  
July 14, 2023  
342 Erickson Food Science Building

**Attendees:** Heather Arentz, Larry Campbell, Tom Dimick, Sara Kelley, Bruce Kiefer, Pat Lauter, Doug Peck, Kelly Praskovich, Andy Reed, Lexi Roberts, Robert Roberts, Marlene Stauffer, Tricia Wilson

**1) Welcome - Marlene Stauffer**

- Marlene opened the meeting at 10:00 am.
- Introductions around the table

**2) Secretary's report – Heather Arentz**

- Review of the meeting minutes
- Minutes were approved.

**3) Treasurer's report – Bruce Kiefer**

- Beginning balance \$7642.27
- Ending Balance \$7128.97
- Treasurer's report was approved.

**4) Food Science Department Update – Robert Roberts**

- **Department News**

Faculty retreat was held in the spring.

- **Student Enrollment**

- Current Undergraduate Enrollment is 120 students (25 commits for fall).
- Spring graduation – 23 students
- Leah Bodinger – FDSC Student Marshal at Spring Graduation with a GPA of 3.99.
- Graduated Programs
  - Ph.D -29
  - MS – 14
  - Post Doc Scholars – 6, International Scholars - 2

- **Awards and Recognition**

- **Promotions**

- Dr. Jasna Kovac promoted to Associate Professor
- Dr. Robert Roberts, 2023 IFT Fellow
- Dr. Jasna Kovac, IFT, 2023 Outstanding Young Scientist Award in honor of Samuel Cate Prescott

- Dr Jasna Kovac, 2023 Advancing a Global Penn State Early Career Faculty Award
  - Dr. Catherine Cutter, selected as Fellow of the International Association of Food Protection
  - Dr. Edward Dudley, elected as Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology.
  - Complete listing of Awards and Honors is available at <http://foodscience.psu.edu/about/honors-awards/awards-2023>
- **2023 College of Agricultural Sciences Outstanding Alumni**
    - John Martin, Global Vice President of Innovation, Olam Food Ingredients

#### **5) Food Industry Group International Study Endowment**

- Currently it is an award endowment. Proposal to raise the principal to \$50,000 to go from award to scholarship. It currently is \$32,000.
- International study creates a lot of opportunities for students.
- Thoughts to go to alumni to donate and maybe have a challenge between decades. For the challenge, could share student stories and use as a way of reconnecting with alumni.
- The Food Science department can draft internally and send out to FIG board to comment

#### **6) FIG Leadership Awards – Tom Dimick**

- Laura Taraboletti – Judith Williams Undergraduate Award Winner
- Tyler Chandross-Cohen – Graduate Winner
- The students will be recognized at the Fall Tailgate
- Thanks to all those who reviewed the applicants.

#### **7) Ignite Talks – Tom Dimick**

- Spring 2023 – joint event with Department of Food Science/FIG/Keystone IFT
- It was 10-15 minute talks by faculty, industry, students to let people know what we do well in food science
- Excellent participation by students
- 74 people participated (about even split of industry, staff/faculty, and students)
- Next year's goals: start planning earlier, have more industry input in planning

#### **8) Food Science Tailgate – Tom Dimick**

- Tailgate is October 28 – Indiana game

- Letters for food donations have been sent out
- Looking for someone from FIG to handle silent auction. Let Tom know if willing to volunteer.

#### **9) Dr. Dimick Award**

- Funds to go to graduate studies for students in Food Science.
- Motion for FIG to donate \$1000 to endowment as a memorial contribution.
- Motion approved.

#### **10) CAS Alumni Society Update - Kelly Praskovich**

- Andy Hirneisen is our liaison
- Key Dates:
  - 8/7 – Board Meeting
  - 8/8 – Ice Cream Social 12-2
  - 8/17 - Day of Service at Flight 93 memorial (cleaning up the site)
  - 11/11 – Ag Live

#### **11) New Officers Elections – Marlene Stauffer**

- President is typically 2 years
- Treasure – Bruce Kiefer
- Secretary – Heather Arentz
- Vice President – Open
- President – Open
- Send out email to all to seek president. It doesn't have to be someone on the board.
- Tom to work with Marlene to review by-laws
- Max 16 Board Members

#### **New Business**

- Have we recruited new members to board including last 5 year graduates
- It is difficult to get people for their first 10 years after graduation.
- Remote would be able to open to those who aren't in driving distance.
- Is there another event we should do to bring the people at another time period other than tailgate since it's hard come up during football games. Think of suggestions.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

**Next meeting: Tailgate, October 28, 2023**