Food Industry Group Update
Minutes
July 29, 2021
Zoom call


1) Welcome – Marlene Stauffer
   - Marlene opened the meeting at 2:00 pm
   - Introductions from the conference call

2) Secretary’s Report – Heather Arentz
   - Review of the July 16, 2020, meeting minutes
   - Minutes were approved

3) Treasurer’s Report – Bruce Kiefer
   - Beginning balance $6864.73
   - Ending balance $7642.27
   - Total Income $1270.00
   - The Treasurer’s report was approved

4) FIG Student Leadership Award – Andy Hirneisen
   - Judy William’s Undergraduate Award winner – Leah Bodinger
   - Graduate Award winner – Jennifer Goza
   - Need to determine how/when present awards
   - Alumni relations offered to help with virtual events

5) Department Update – Robert Roberts
   - Dr. Roberts explained that things are slowly returning to the new normal and research activities are continuing to occur.
   - Waiting for University guidance on fall semester and masking requirement from the University.
• Introduced the new and existing administrative staff.

• There were 22 classes offered in FA 2020 and 17 classes offered in Sp 2021

• Research clearly impacted by ramp down and closure of labs. Able to ramp up with minimal issues.

• Department outreach programs were hard hit, and many were not run in 2021.

• Because of Covid most undergraduate research was put on hold during AY20-21.

• Annual Tailgate proposed for Oct 2, 2021, Indiana game. Dependent of Covid Guidelines/restrictions, but plans are to move ahead with event.

• Alyssa Bakke in Sensory took a position at Heinz but will be teaching remotely.

• A complete list of Awards and Honors is available at:
  https://foodscience.psu.edu/about/honors-and-awards/awards-for-2020

6) FIG International Study Endowment – Steve Logue

• Value of fund is currently at $32,773 and generates about $1600/year.

• Goal to grow endowment to $100,000

• Solicit FIG Members and Alumni for support

7) New Business

• To be discussed at next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm