

## **Food Industry Group Update**

### **Minutes**

**July 29, 2021**

**Zoom call**

Attendees: Craig Adams, Larry Campbell, Tom Dimick, Andy Hirneisen, Sara Kelley, Bruce Kiefer, Stephen Logue, Doug Peck, Lexi Roberts, Robert Roberts, Chris Sigler, Marlene Stauffer, Tricia Wilson

#### **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