

Food Industry Group Update

Minutes

July 16, 2020

Zoom call

Attendees: Craig Adams, Heather Arentz, Larry Campbell, Tom Dimick, Andy Hirneisen, Bruce Kiefer, Stephen Logue, Doug Peck, Lexi Roberts, Robert Roberts, Alan Schaffranek Jr, Chris Sigler, Marlene Stauffer, Tricia Wilson

1) Welcome – Marlene Stauffer

- Marlene opened the meeting at 10:03 am
- Introduction around the conference call
- Judy Williams
 - Board member Judy Williams passed away in April – see information below
 - Voted to honor Judy with her name on the Undergraduate Student Leadership award. Check with her husband to get approval and how to properly name the award.
 - Alumni Relations will have a memoriam for her at Ag Live and Ag Alumni

2) Secretary's Report – Heather Arentz

- Review of the October meeting minutes
- Minutes were approved

3) Treasurer's Report – Bruce Kiefer

- Beginning balance \$5089.73
- Ending balance \$6864.73
- Total Income \$1775.00
- The Treasurer's report was approved

4) FIG Student Leadership Award – Andy Hirneisen

- Undergraduate Award winner – Michael Zaffuto
- Graduate Award winner – Ben Chrisfield

- Figure out how/when present awards
- Alumni relations can help with virtual events
- New form with revisions of award criteria

5) Department Update – Robert Roberts

- Everything up until Spring Break was normal and then classes switched to remote
- Transitioned classes from face-to-face to online in a week
- Spring Online Graduation – provided opportunity for students to speak
 - 41 graduates
 - 20 students spoke
 - 33 attended
- Dr. Roberts explained the Food Science Department safety plan
- Dr. Roberts explained how research activities are occurring
- Fall Student Timing as of 7/16/2020
 - Student arrival 8/21-8/23, classes start 8/24
 - Fall break 11/20-11/29
 - Student's working remote 11/30-12/11
 - Remote final exams 12/14-12/18
- Types of instruction
 - In person classes
 - In person/remote classes – most of food science classes are set to be this version
 - Remote synchronous
 - Remote asynchronous
- Class sizes
 - Incoming class 33 for University Park
 - Total program about 145
- Awards and Recognition
 - A complete list of Awards and Honors is available at:
<https://foodscience.psu.edu/about/honors-and-awards/awards-for-2020>
 - Faculty Promotions

- Dr. John Hayes – Professor of Food Science
- Dr. Josh Lambert – Professor of Food Science
- Faculty Awards
 - Dr. Greg Ziegler - Howard B Palmer Faculty Mentoring Award
 - Dr. Catherine Cutter – 2019 Gamma Sigma Delta International Distinguished Achievement in Agriculture Award
 - Dr. Greg Ziegler and Dr. Josh Lambert – College of Agricultural Science 2020 Research Innovator Award
 - Joseph M. Light '87 – College of Agricultural Sciences Outstanding Alumni

6) Alumni News – Alan Schaffranek Jr.

- Gifts for graduating students will be sent to each graduate for Spring and Summer graduation
- All alumni events until Jan 2021 will be virtual. Events that can't be virtual will be postponed or canceled
- Joseph Light class of 1987 chosen for Outstanding Alumni
- Ag Live will completely virtual and include an online auction
- Alumni Association recruitment – Join in June
- Alumni stipend – \$1000 for affiliate program groups to do what they want. We can put it an endowment. We need to report what we plan to do with it.

7) FIG International Study Endowment – Steve Logue

- Work with College of Agriculture to officially establish the endowment
- Goal to grow endowment to \$75,000
- Solicit FIG Members and Alumni for support
- Set up another call for endowment and fundraising
- Have a meeting to discuss how to move forward with the endowment
- An option is to take portion of FIG budget and transfer to endowment
- If have ideas, let Marlene know
- To donate: www.raise.psu/FIGInternationalStudy

8) New Business

- To be discussed at next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 11:45

In Memory



Judith A. Williams

Judith A. Williams 58 of Harrisburg, died Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at Hershey Medical Center. Judith was born in Pittsburgh and was the daughter of Elmer and Loretta Haberman. She was formerly employed as a Sr. Manager of Chocolate Research with Hershey Foods. She was a member of the Food Industry Group and College of Agriculture Alumni Board at Penn State University. She was a graduate of Penn State University. She was a member of Holy Name of Jesus Roman Catholic Church. Judith is survived by, in addition to her parents, her husband of 32 years, Thomas Williams; her sons, Bradley and Steven Williams; her sister, Laurie Haberman of Pittsburgh; her brothers, Kevin (Denise) Haberman of Pittsburgh and Paul (Dorine) Haberman of Mechanicsburg; 15 nieces and nephews and a large extended family. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at a later date in Pittsburgh. Arrangements are by the Hoover Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc., Harrisburg. Contributions in her memory can be made to [Penn State Food Industry Group](#) (PSFIG), 204 Rodney A. Erickson Food Science

Building, Department of Food Science, University Park, PA 16802. Online Condolences may be left at www.hooverfuneralhome.com . www.pennlive.com/obits