

Food Industry Group Update
Minutes
October 27, 2018
252 Erickson Food Science Building

Attendees: Members at Large

Welcome –Marlene Stauffer

- Marlene opened the meeting at 11:02 am.
- There are 160 people signed up for the tailgate.
- Introductions around the room

Secretary's report - Heather Arentz

- Review of summer meeting minutes
- Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report – Bruce Kiefer

- Beginning balance - \$3605.63
- Ending balance - \$5289.82
- See attached report for more detailed information.
- Treasurer's report was approved.

Student Leadership Award – Andy Hirneisen

- Brianna Elicker won the undergraduate Student Leadership Award.
- Molly Higgins won the graduate Student Leadership Award.
- They both received Nittany Lion statues and their names will be engraved on a plaque that will be posted in Keeney Commons in the Food Science Building.

Food Science Club Update – Harini Shanker, Food Science Club President

- Mission: To promote the interaction between Food Science students, Food Science faculty, and the food industry through holding and supporting various events throughout the year.
- Meet every Monday at 5:30 for dinner and 6 for meeting
- Promote social, service, competitive, leadership and academic events focused on food science in conjunction with the Institute of Food Technology Student Association.
- This year events:
 - Company visits
 - Harvestfest fundraiser
 - Information sessions on interviews and resumes
 - Pumpkin painting

- Keystone IFT
- Department tailgate
- Future events:
 - Chopped competition
 - Company visits
 - Talk with industry professionals
 - Chocolate tasting
 - Involvement in THON

Food Science Department Update – Robert Roberts

- Special Thanks to Harini Shanker, the Food Science Club volunteers, Food Science Staff, especially Tom Dimick and Chris Singler, and the Food Science Club advisors Chris Sigler and Josephine Wee for organizing the tailgate
- Food Science club officers
 - President: Harini Shanker
 - Vice President: David Nguyen
 - Secretary: Kaitlyn Frantz
 - Treasurer: Jessica Raskin
 - Social Chair: Kaleigh Raia and Jason Klus
 - Fundraising Chair: Jacob Ginn and Anne Marie Lozaw
 - IFT Chair: Taylor Thomas
 - Ag Student Council Representative: Brianna Elicker
- Department moves:
 - New Hires: Wai Fun Leong (Academic Support Coordinator), Molly Kelly (Extension Enologist), Josephine Wee (Assistant Professor of Food Science, Chris Singler (Assistant Teaching Professor/Academic Advisor)
 - Departures: Jared Smith (Academic Support Coordinator)
- Academic Advising
 - The department is consolidating transactional advising to 1 person – Chris Sigler
 - A mentoring system will also be in place which assigns a faculty mentor to student on career-related issues
- Overview of 2017-2018
 - The faculty is broken functionally-based groups

- Enrollment
 - 173 undergraduates which is done the past 3 years.
 - The department is working on raising awareness to increase enrollment with major influencers of the student including family, faculty, and industry.
 - There are similar enrollment trends country-wide.
 - There are about 40 Graduate students and 4-6 Post Doc Scholars

- Activities
 - Students participated in PMCA.
 - Students served ice cream at Special Olympics 2018.
 - The College Bowl team was 3rd place in the IFTSA regional college bowl.
 - The Product Development team was 2nd place in the Ocean Spray product development competition for “CranJerky”.
 - Phi Tau Sigma Honor Society Induction

 - 2017 Productivity Measures

B.S. degrees	64
M.S. degrees	6
Ph.D. degrees	4
Peer-Reviewed Papers	60
Books or parts of books	8
Presentations at National Meetings	48
International Presentations	21
New Grant Funding Initiated	\$2.07 Million
Short Courses/Workshops	60 (~2500 people)

- Faculty and Staff Awards
 - Elizabeth Tepsic won the Staff Laureate Trailblazer Award.
 - Dr. John Coupland and Dr. Robert Chiles won the Anna and Guy Bixler Memorial Award in Food Science for the creation of the class

FDSC 444 – *Arguing About Food* for students to better understand the attention and controversies surrounding food production and consumption.

- Dr. Kerry E. Kaylegian was inducted into the Gilde Internationale des Fromagers New World Chapter.
- See website for further details and more awards:
<https://foodscience.psu.edu/about/honors-and-awards/awards-for-2017>
- <https://foodscience.psu.edu/about/honors-and-awards/awards-for-2018>

Experiences in Studying Abroad - Katie Dietrich and Drew Elder

- Katie and Drew shared their experiences studying abroad.
- They felt it was one of the most valuable experiences in food science to be able to see the production.
- Katie went to Copenhagen last Spring Break and took Food Science 499 – Brewing and Malting in Europe.
 - They toured various local brewers both large and small and saw the production process.
 - They toured Carlsberg and went into the development lab there
- Drew went to Italy for Food Science 499A – Food Systems in Italy
 - They learned about cheese, cured meats, pasta, and wine.
 - It was the most rewarding experience in Drew’s college career.
 - They saw small and large-scale manufacturing and saw the balance of tradition of modern manufacturing.
 - Some of the places they went include seeing balsamic vinegar, Parmesan Reggiano, prosciutto, Barilla pasta factory, and the Ferrero factory

Student Support – Marlene Stauffer

- We are working towards having an endowment of \$25,000 to support international studies
- The website is: raise.psu.edu/FoodIndustryGroup

Meeting was adjourned at 11:53 am.

All meeting minutes are available online.

Penn State
Food Industry Group Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2017 - October 26, 2018

Beginning Balance		\$3,605.63
Expenses:		
2017 Leadership Awards - Graduate & Undergraduate		\$214.40
Total Expenses:		\$214.40
Income:		
2018 Dues		\$695.00
Interest		\$1.59
2017 Fall Tailgate Silent Auction	\$455.00	
2018 Student Support	\$747.00	
Endowment (Goal \$25,000)		\$1,202.00
Total Income:		\$1,898.59
Ending Balance		\$5,289.82

Lifetime Memberships To-Date

15 Ambassadors @ \$400

16 Tailgaters @ \$200

2018 - 59 Active members including Board members and Life members.

54 in 2017, 61 in 2016, 61 in 2015, 68 in 2014, 85 in 2013, 85 in 2012, 78 in 2011,
93 in 2010