



PennState
College of Agricultural Sciences

Ag Education Advisory Council Meeting Agenda
March 18, 2018
2:00 – 4:00 pm
Harrisburg/Hershey Sheraton Inn

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- II. Center Structure Review John Ewing & Center Staff
- III. Primary Program Initiatives
 - a. Pre-Service Daniel Foster
 - b. In-Service
 - i. N&B Program Kevin Curry/Beth Mathie
 - ii. DIY Daniel Foster
 - c. Recruitment & Retention
 - i. STAR Program Report Daniel Foster
 - ii. Avengers Beth Mathie
- IV. Two Big Questions Group Discussion
 - a. How do you want us to communicate with you?
 - b. What are the essential elements of an effective of Professional Development event?
- V. Other Items for Discussion
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- I. Introduction and Approval of Fall Minutes** **John Ewing**
 - a. Minutes approved with a unanimous vote.

- II. Center Structure Review** **John Ewing & Center Staff**
 - a. The center staff went around the table to discuss what items we are all responsible for to give the new members of the committee an idea of where responsibilities lie.

- III. Primary Program Initiatives**
 - a. Pre-Service** **Daniel Foster**
 - i. Biggest change to be aware of is a spring 295 course offering. This is different than in the past when the “cohort” experience has typically begun at the Summer PAEE Conference.
 - ii. Lifelong member of the professional learning community- entered into an agreement with the last meeting to allow the student teacher cohort to participate in PAEE this summer and NAAE in San Antonio
 - iii. Digital mentoring program pilot- Each teacher candidate has 3 mentors who have been teaching at least one year, a teacher who is not hosting a student teacher, and a thought leader in ag education from a different state. The mentors are helping with lesson planning, commenting on student teacher blogging, and commenting on the teaching videos that the candidates posting.
 - iv. 2019-10, 2020-15, 2021-10 students
 - v. There was a discussion about the science related content that our students are receiving. The teacher education panel made the decision to cut CHEM202, ASTRO/METO, Physics which cut 9 credits from our program 126 is the new credit limit. This is down from 137.
 - vi. The struggle is constant about trying to identify our student teacher candidates and would appreciate any help that you could give to us in identifying these students.
 - b. In-Service**
 - i. N&B Program** **Kevin Curry/Beth Mathie**
 - 1. Beth gave us an update on what the new and beginning teacher program is up to with the upcoming face to face workshop that will focus on horticulture, greenhouse management, program evaluation. She is using Laura’s framework because it seems to be working.

2. Her and Kevin are developing a framework for next year's program's and will kick off in July at PAAE.
3. Please keep an eye out for a new teachers. Give them any support they might need and let us know that if there is anything they might need.

ii. **DIY** **Daniel Foster**

1. Daniel went over the commitments and returns from last year's program and how the teachers have given back to the program
2. We are going to have to cut funding for next year since it has not been used fully since we've made the investment in people in hiring two full time programs managers.

iii. **CASE**

1. This year we will host an APT institute at the Cumberland Valley high school in June. Jon received a scholarship from CASE national and will take the course at CV. We are exploring the idea of perhaps having our students leave APT certified through Jon's participation in this course.

c. **Recruitment & Retention**

i. **STAR Program Report** **Beth Mathie**

1. Pennsylvania was awarded \$8000 this year again. We are going to invest in the foundation's website again. New this year, we are going to be hosting a FAST symposium at PAAE this summer because it is also the regional meeting. NAAE will be picking up the majority of the tab on this because they were wanting to try it at a regional level.
2. Money has been allocated this year similarly to last year.
3. We are going to be trying to integrate with the Governor's School to focus a bit more on recruitment piece.

ii. **Avengers** **Beth Mathie**

1. We currently have 8 students working as avengers to recruit students. Beth came on right as the new avengers were starting out and she gave them a self-assessment so she's going to be analyzing that data and working to develop the students as they grow in the major.
2. If you have things going on at your school and you wanted someone to promote the Ag Ed Major, please let us know and we can work to try and get someone at your school for things.

IV. **Two Big Questions** **Group Discussion**

- a. How do you want us to communicate with you?
- b. What are the essential elements of an effective of Professional Development event?

V. **Other Items for Discussion**

VI. **Announcements/Adjourn**

VII. **Motion to adjourn by Terra. Second by Beth**

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 - Doodle Poll @ end of summer



Ag Education Advisory Council Meeting Agenda
October 3, 2017
4:30 – 6:00 pm
Via Zoom
<https://psu.zoom.us/j/897511110>

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| III. PA FFA Association Updates | Michael Brammer |
| IV. PDE Update | Del Hart |
| V. PAAE update/report | Neil Fellenbaum |
| VI. Ag. Ed. Student Organizations Update | Rose Cowan |
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| • Directory Updates | Terra Ingram |
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| IX. Announcements/Adjourn | |
| • Spring Meeting Date | |
| ○ Sunday of SLLC at 2pm | |



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In Attendance: John Hines, Raylene Russell, Cam Schirmer, Sarabeth Royer, Ron Frederick, Neil Fellenbaum, Doug Masser, Laura Metrick, Kevin Curry, Laura Rice, John Ewing, Daniel Foster, Mike Clark, Lindsay Spurrier, Terra Ingram, Laszlo Kulcsar

Absent: Nick Isenberg, Mike Brammer, Del Hart, Cliff Day, Mackenzie Appleman, Rob Harrold, Tiffany Turrentine, Rose Cowan

I. Introduction and minutes

John Ewing

- Minutes from March meeting are approved as written.

II. AESE Department Update

Laszlo Kulcsar

- Laszlo gave an update on his background and vision on leadership.
- In the past, there may have been questions about how this type of multi-discipline department can and should run. He encourages the clusters to operate autonomously and we can report up the chain. He's happy to be involved as much or as little as we want him to be.
- The department is working on a professional advising center and we are hoping that this spring the center is fully operational.
- The Graduate Programs within the department are going to be under review soon, when exactly is dependent upon the Graduate School's schedule. We have been encouraged to work to find the balance between undergraduate and graduate programming.

III. PA FFA Association Updates

Michael Brammer

- No report given. Updates will be given at the regional PAAE meetings.

IV. PDE Update

Del Hart

- No report given. John or Mike will try to get an update for the PAAE meetings.

V. PAAE update/report

Neil Fellenbaum

- Working with teachers to alleviate some of the issues with the 339 approvals. This has been some of the biggest headaches lately. There is a board meeting tomorrow where hopefully more information will be shared about these meetings with PDE.
- PDE said they would not accept 40% of academic hours for scope and sequence for Program Approval. However, PAAE is working to see what has changed and

why it has changed. Many have questions about the re-approval expectations. Updates will be provided at the PAAE Regional Meetings.

- Dr. Foster is asking PAAE to consider how the Ag Ed teachers use the 3 hour time period at FLC. The Center would be okay to take on the leadership of the PD if PAAE wishes.

VI. Ag. Ed. Student Organizations Update

Rose Cowan

- This fall the TeachAg Society has been busy with the following events:
 - Welcome Back Wings-occurred right at the beginning of the semester
 - National Teach Ag Day Celebration-Occurred on the Creamery Lawn, students handed out information, played yard games and had snacks.
 - They are working through picking the location for the Domestic Study Away trip that will take place right after graduation.
 - There is a group of 15 students who will be participating the ATA Conclave at National Convention later this month.
 - Planning a social event with CFFA at the Wasson Farm closer to Halloween.
 - AgriCorps will be on campus for the career fair. TeachAg will host an informational dinner during their visit
 - They are working on a professional development event around Food Science for later this semester. Details forthcoming.
 - In December they will host the ATA initiation and the holiday party.
- Teach Ag Society & CFFA is working on consolidating the two groups into one co-curricular program and will be led by Dr. Curry. The plan is to join forces so they can have a wider base of influence. Dr. Foster's AEE 216, Parli Pro class is working on the consolidation efforts and establishing a charter, etc. The goal is to be up and running by January 1.

VII. Center Update

- **New & Beginning Teacher Program** **Laura Rice**

There are 46 N&B teachers, which are defined by 1-3 years of teaching, in PA.

This year we will be alternating between in person and online events. In August, we held a New Teacher Symposium, September was the online "Snack & Chat", Face to Face dinner meetings will occur in October, November will be another online event and December will be an in person event here in State College.

Dr. Rice is working on scheduling visits with all the first year teachers. She is working with them to provide specific programmatic support if they need it and letting them know that the CPPD is here to support them however we can.

- **CTC Programming Updates** **Ron Frederick**

Oxford is restarting a program. Ron is working with TCH Brandywine and Octorara HS. Chester County has set up their own teacher meeting. Ron is working on setting a date for Eastern Tier teachers and hasn't tried yet to set up something up with South Central teachers. He is also working with Heather at Longwood Gardens to set up some type of programming for this winter.

- **SAE Specialist Updates** **Carole Fay**

Went to the proficiency evaluation training in Indianapolis this summer and is going to be a room host again at National FFA Convention.

Carole will be presenting on SAE Basics in Maryland but PA teachers have also been invited.

Carole visited 6 schools so far this fall and there are 3 more on the agenda. Working with the STAR group for Farm Show.

Answering lots of questions on Keystones and American Degrees. If there is a need for a workshop on campus to help with American degrees, she's willing to coordinate the event. The CPPD staff will let her know.

Is there a way that we can link SAE to state Page? On our website? Go over at regional meetings? We can talk to Brammer about linking it to PAAE site too.

- **Job Placement of 2017 Cohort** **Daniel Foster**

Cahill-Returning to PSU to pursue PhD

Zaleski-Davy Tree as an educator

Kane-School in VA

Hack-Honesdale

Snyder-Returning to PSU this fall to finish up degree

Rider-School in VA

Repetz-Benton

Working on some Teach Ag Tips to help administrators be able to hire the best teachers possible. It will include things like when to post announcements, interview timeframe, etc.

There was a question about whether or not the AEE group had a specialized recruitment packet for AEE students. We do not have a specialized recruitment packet but just learned that the UG office in the department is working on developing a packet on what AEE is specifically, the certification information etc. But we do have independent handouts that we can provide. There will be some materials given out at the PAAE meetings and there were materials distributed at FLC as well.

- **2018 Student Teachers Update** **Daniel Foster**

All of the candidates have been matched up with in state and out of state mentors. An immense amount of feedback/help has already come through to the candidates in a variety of ways i.e. video conference, correction of lesson plans, lesson/unit plan development, and feedback on teaching methods through the Edthena platform

All 11 candidates will be traveling to NAAE in Nashville in December.

- **Global Teach Ag**

GLAG Conference registration is open. Keynote speaker is the founder of AgriCorp and 4H Ghana

Dr. Ewing is taking a group of students to Belize over Spring Break. The Malaysia experience will occur over the summer and participants will spend 4 weeks there. Melanie Miller Foster has secured a grant that will allow us to take people at a deeply discounted rate.

- **Personnel Update** **John Ewing**

Dr. Kevin Curry has been hired and we are excited to have him working in the teacher prep program. Kevin is serving as the Penn State representative on the PA FFA Association board.

Programs Manager position is open and the committee is meeting on October 9th to down select the interview candidates.

VIII. New Business

- **High School CTE programs approval John Ewing**
Neil already shared and we are expected to hear more tomorrow night at the PAAE Executive board meeting regarding Scope & Sequence.
The second piece of this that PDE has encouraged the 3 PPDC to develop a professional development program for all of the director's to send back to their high schools. It is being understood now that it is not just Ag Ed that is the issue it is all high school programs that are being affected. Professional Development programming will be offered February 1st and 2nd. CTC folks are not invited, only high schools to discuss the corrective actions.
Jon Hines is not sure that all 3 people are going to be available to come to the training anyway because people are struggling to get substitutes.

- **Discussion on Core Values Kevin Curry**
Kevin gave an overview of the 10 values and how the TeachAg! Team came up with them. They believe that these are the 10 things our teacher candidates should come out of the program knowing.
Laszlo questioned the verbiage of the "21st Century" and is it relevant?
Mike mentioned that we might want to include the words "mechanical" in #3.
We should also include the word Applied Agricultural Science content knowledge rather than technical.
It is the consensus of the group to include the word Applied to #3

- **Directory Updates Terra Ingram**
Terra let the group know that directory updates, though slightly behind schedule, are due out later this week. Please remind your counterparts to look for the emails and respond with your information so we have the correct information on the website.

- **Website Updates Terra Ingram**
The website was discussed at our March meeting. It is a constant work in progress and we welcome your feedback/input on it at any time.
 - Collaborative Calendar
We are still working toward one "calendar of events" that will have everything in a centralized location. This is an ongoing process, so please send us your information as you hear of events. This also helps us with reporting back to PDE on the various events offered and that are Center supported.

IX. Questions

- Mike Clark asked about a follow up to the Needs Assessment that was done earlier this year
 - Dr. Rice is working through some coding issues and is switching it into a different format right now. We will definitely have something back to you by the holidays. Additionally we are also looking at developing some workshops based on the various content issues that were identified.

X. Announcements/Adjourn

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