

12/7/2023

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Meeting called to order at 11:09am.
 - b. Present: Christie Carlson, Jake Dunn, Brandon Jewell, Kerry McGrath, Melanie Parker, Brooke Pippi, Amelia Shapiro, Andrew Smith
 - c. Staff: Johnny Campbell, Maddie Giltner, Joel Grogan, Lauralyn Larson, Megan Rhodes, Rachel Smith, Victor Tam, Pam Wittenberg
 - d. Absent: Amber Bowen, Dayna Ghirardelli, Michael Haney, Stephanie Larson, Kirk Lokka
 - e. Guest: Evan Wiig
2. Approval of Minutes (4/19/23)
 - a. Minutes were approved M/S/P. Jake Dunn motioned, Brooke Pippi second.
3. Department Update
 - a. Enrollment
 - i. Joel shared enrollment data for the Ag/NR department and college with the committee. The college has seen an 8.6% increase in enrollment since 2022. In 25/26, some state funding will be expiring, and the state will begin stepping down the funding.
 - b. New facilities/classrooms
 - i. Fall 2023 is the first semester that AG/NR classes are moved into the new classrooms at Shone Farm.
 - ii. Andrew asked if having classes at Shone Farm has impacted Ag students pursuing a GE degree or enrollment. Andrew recommended surveying students about commuting, and offering classes on the Santa Rosa campus on rotation.
 1. Joel – the department has implemented a block schedule, so students can still take GE classes on the Santa Rosa campus.
 - c. New president
 - i. Joel informed the committee about the new SRJC President – Dr. Angelica Garcia.
 - d. New faculty
 - i. Joel introduced the new Sustainable Agriculture instructor/program coordinator – Johnny Campbell. Johnny went over his bio and what brought him to SRJC.
 - e. Cluster change/New Dean
 - i. Joel informed the committee about the change in Dean for the Ag/NR department. Previously, Ag/NR was part of the CANITT cluster, and moved to STEM, now STEAM. The new Dean, Victor Tam introduced himself.
 - f. WRP program closure
 - i. Joel gave a brief overview on the Wildfire Resilience program. It started in response to the 2017 fires, with a piece of the PGE settlement money to the county for workforce development and training at SRJC. The program began

with \$2 million, \$1 million from PGE, and a \$1 million match from Kaiser Foundation.

- ii. The hands-on workforce training and internship portion of the Wildfire Resilience Program ended this November. Other components of the program, including the utility line clearance training and curriculum topics covered in Horticulture, Natural Resources and Animal Science will continue.
 - 1. Through the hands-on program, 70 students were trained since 2021.
 - 2. Joel mentioned that now there are many other industry partners doing this training and Shone isn't the only training option in the county. If Shone was to continue with this type of training, the model would have to change including reducing the number of internships, reducing hours, and reducing pay.
 - a. Melaine Parker – Sonoma County Regional Parks loved that program, she has a ton of staff that came through the program and it was highly successful.
 - b. Joel – Shone doesn't have the financial resources to operate it the same as before, and the program needs to take a pause while it's determined if another model would work.

g. Curriculum

- i. Ag Ambassadors/ Leadership course
 - 1. The Ag Ambassadors are currently functioning as a student club, and the department is looking into adding a class that would replace or be in addition to the club. Fall 2024, an Ag Ambassador class will be offered.
 - ii. HS Articulation/CBE/Dual Enrollment
 - 1. Joel is working on credit by exam and dual enrollment opportunities with local high schools.
 - iii. Exploring more course development
 - 1. Joel is exploring how to add a course for the hands-on learning that is happening at Shone Farm, possibly a Practicum course.
- 4. Shone Farm Grape Harvest
 - a. The 2023 harvest was \$1.7 million which is the biggest Shone has ever had.
 - 5. Spring 2024 Schedule and Course Offerings
 - a. The spring 2024 course offering flyer was emailed out to committee members.
 - 6. Adjourn
 - a. Meeting adjourn at 12:10pm.