

Horticulture Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 12, 2016, 1:00-3:30pm
Ag Science Conference Room

Attendees:

1. Introduction of staff and advisory committee members
 - a. The relevance of the empty chair – honoring Dave Lannom
 - b. Service information: June 11, St. Christopher's in West Covina; BBQ afterward at the Hort Unit; wear Hawaiian shirt and shorts
2. Reviewed and approved minutes from last meeting (December 3, 2015)
 - a. First, Jennifer Hinostroza.
 - b. Second, arboretum.
 - c. Aye all.
3. Departmental Personnel Updates
 - a. Cynthia Mascarenas is the new Horticulture Production Assistant
 - b. Tom is retiring after 36 years of service. Thanks, Doc!
 - c. We are in the process of replacing Tom. Should know before the end of May who that person will be.
4. Status Reports
 - a. Horticulture Unit – Jennifer/Matthew
 - i. Plant Sales
 1. Net \$16,000 from Descanso & Fullerton sales
 2. Mother's Day profit TBA; went well
 3. Salsa sale – sold out
 4. Farmer's markets: on campus & Baldwin Park. Good outreach program for the college
 5. Production site has had to increase because of the increase in sales
 - ii. Opportunities we are evaluating
 1. Disney opportunity
 2. Evaluating land use
 3. Bringing in different varieties and growing opportunities
 4. Upgrading our greenhouses – open to suggestions for quality companies
 5. Irrigation upgrades
 - iii. Equipment – backhoe, gators, trencher, socker
 - b. Equipment, Landscape, Building– Tom
 - i. Building
 1. Kennel for RVT program
 2. Building a feed storage unit
 - ii. Landscape
 1. Completing literacy trail in classes each term
 - c. Turf, Student, Faculty and Classified Success, Events – Brian
 - i. Turf Teams- Student Challenge, January 19-23, 2016 (San Diego)
 1. 2 teams (8 students) took 1st and 3rd

2. Jacqueline Ford won a Los Angeles median competition winning \$2,500. Her designs will be used throughout the City of Los Angeles
 3. Ashley Simpkins and Sean McLaughlin won the Dr. Fred Grau award for the top 2 Year Turf Students in the nation
 4. Next year's conference is in Orlando (January 24-27, 2017)
 - ii. AT&T Pro-Am at Spyglass Hill February 10-14, 2016
 1. 11 students went due to minimal Cal Poly SLO participation
 - iii. Farm Day May 7, 2016
 1. We had 1,500 people attend
 - iv. Debbie Borocho Science Day: "Sustainability", May 14, 2016
 1. 220 students
 - v. Career Night- May 12, 2015 (5-8:30pm)
 1. New faculty as the chair
 - vi. Agriculture Banquet: Friday June 3 @ 6-10pm
 1. Need major sponsors (\$500 from 3 or 4 sponsors)
 2. Scholarships – funded by a variety of different sources; Advisory Council are welcome to participate
 - vii. Scholarship Award Winners:
 1. Sean McLaughlin (STMA)
 2. Ashley Simpkins (STMA, WCISA)
 3. Liz Mendoza (WCISA)
 4. Gretchen Heimlich (ISA)
 5. Sri Krishan (MULTIPLE)
 - viii. Job placements
 1. Blake Bernstein – Dodgers
 2. Oscar Del Real- Dodgers
 3. Gretchen Heimlich – Temporary position at Disneyland
 4. Steve Manriquez – L.A. Country Club
 5. Several interns at USC and UCLA
5. VTEA– Jennifer
- i. Funding for 2016-17, between \$8k-9k
 - ii. Received most of the asks (Ag Ambassadors, student assistants in classes, etc.), didn't receive funding for the equipment
6. P.I.E. – Jennifer
- a. Planning and Institutional Effectiveness – report to tell the college needs, goals, back up requests
 - b. There is usually a two week turnaround from when the application is given and when it's due.
7. Curriculum Updates – Jennifer
- a. AS-T Degree – a student completing this degree is guaranteed A spot in a related major at a Cal State school.
 - i. Hort Degree: Plant Science AS-T
 - ii. Waiting for approval of classes before submitting to the state

- iii. A student who graduates with an AS-T guarantees them a chance to graduate from a Cal State school in 2 years.
 - b. New curriculum
 - i. Master Ed plan is at a standstill.
 - ii. What are we already teaching that can be adapted or already fits the current needs of the market place?
- 8. Next meeting – December 1, 2016 noon-3pm
 - a. Plan for career night
- 9. Old Business
- 10. New Business
 - a. Faculty load
 - i. The advisory committee acknowledges that running a horticulture unit doesn't end at the end of the semester; the advisory committee supports the request for more funding for faculty to be year-round.
 - ii. Put in a request for an additional full-time faculty to ease the administrative workload for the department. The adjunct to full-time faculty ratio is not sustainable.
 - b. Plants for SW Climates, new course – class is going well.
 - i. Mountain States donation
 - ii. Need donation of grasses
 - c. Composting
 - i. New regulations have to manage their waste on site (composting)
 - ii. Investigating composting and chipping on site
 - 1. Green waste
 - 2. Wood chips, prunings, etc.
 - 3. Manure waste
 - 4. Food waste
 - iii. Need to start thinking about how it ties in instructionally