

March 2, 2017

Meeting Called to Order at 7::00

- Officer/Representative Reports
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Student Senate
  - MAAE
  - Michigan FFA Association
    - Meeting coming up soon, will report at next meeting
  - Special Committees
    - Professional –Ordered - \$27
    - T-Shirts -\$15
      - Ordering soon, in process of getting approved
    - Ag in the Classroom
      - Move to project RED
- Old Business
  - NAAE/MAAE Membership
    - Contact Kevin Nugent
  - Chicago – March 24
  - Purdue – April 8-9
- New Business
  - Guest Speaker – Dr. McKim, Presenting the AFNRE Survey results
    - Purpose
      - Collecting opinions
      - Evaluating new/upcoming initiatives
      - Sent to all 33 AFNRE majors
      - Measured Social Community, Learning Community, Generalized Self-Efficiency and Major Commitment
    - Results
      - Scored higher than other universities on social community
      - Learning community, how is this program meeting your learning needs
      - Generally self-efficacy
      - Major commitment
      - Common themes in the open-ended questions
        - Number/applicability of sustainability courses
        - Want more/advanced technical agriculture courses
        - Appreciate evolution of program, AFNRE club and seminar courses
        - Feel unprepared to teach all possible agriculture courses

- Want more training in AFNRE specific skills (FFA, SAE management)
- Want a connection with current AFNR educators (teachers, extension agents, non-formal teachers)
- Acknowledge value of and appreciate emphasis on sustainability
- Excited about potential for Masters Degree related to AFNRE
- Feel supported through advising and interactions with faculty
- Appreciate breadth of entry-level agriculture courses
- Action items:
  - Seminar courses beginning Fall 2017
    - Foster community and identity within the major
    - Standardize information being shared with students
    - Platform for informal mentoring between students
    - Discuss strategies you can implement to increase applicability of all CSUS classes
    - Address AFNRE specific content
    - Formal/non-formal program engagement requirement (10 hours)
  - Another survey conducted in Spring 2018
  - Additional capacity to increase diversity of instructors in AFNRE
  - External program review – April 2017
  - Currently exploring capacity to develop a Masters Degree related to AFNRE, but this is a long process
  - Largest faculty for the major in a long time
- Discussion:
  - An external review team will be here April 24 & 25 to review our program. Students will be able to discuss with them and be part of the review process on April 24 from 2:45-3:50 – more details will come as the date approaches
- Chicago Trip
  - Itinerary was sent to members going through an email
- Purdue Trip
  - Getting more details on what we are doing, will inform as the date approaches
- B&B Livestock Judging Contest [March 31st]
- FFA CDE Contests/Ag Skills [April 21st]
- Small Animals Day [April 22nd]

- Next Meeting
  - March 30<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Everett speaking

Meeting Adjourned: 8:47

Respectfully Submitted,

*Eric Moser*

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