

Equine Science Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2018

Oakdale, Ca

Attending:

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| Dr. Julie Wilkins, DVM | Dr. Suzanne Brenner, DVM |
| Pioneer Equine Hospital | Pioneer Equine Hospital |
| Oakdale, Ca 95361 | Oakdale, Ca 95361 |

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| Sharon Furtado, AS | Anita Flora, AS, RN |
| Fanatic Farms | Flying T Youth Ranch |
| (Equine Rehabilitation Facility) | Livermore, Ca 95350 |
| Oakdale, Ca 95361 | |

Julie Haynes, MS, BS
Animal Science Faculty Instructor

Absent:

Monica Boehme

- Discussed the possibility of a new equine science Associates Degree program at MJC.
 - Julie Haynes began by informing members that currently, MJC equine courses are part of the equine science skills based certificate. By providing students with the opportunity to achieve an associate's degree within the Agriculture department we would not only expand opportunities for those students but also ensure continuity of the equine courses.
 - Members spoke of the need to ensure that graduates of a degree program are competent in horse handling skills as well as developed education. Also discussed that students need a viable opportunity to transfer within a reasonable time frame to the university should they want to.
 - Discussion of University programs with in Equine/Animal Science.
 - Fresno State, Chico State, Cal Poly SLO (newly funded equine program), UC Davis, Feather River College (newly approved BS Equine Science)

- Discussion as to why a degree program might be more beneficial not only as an enrollment draw but also allowing student to obtain a degree in the subject of their choice along with the opportunity to pursue further post-secondary education.
- Dr. Julie Wilkins suggested emphasis within one of the courses on specific handling skills related to veterinary needs.
- Mrs. Sharon Furtado suggested industry representative's participation in the courses in order to ensure graduating students are provided with the most current industry standards in horse handling and care.
- Progression at the MJC equine unit.
 - Local industry donations.
 - Discussion of the number of horses, equipment and facilities that re donated to the program each year. Dependency upon those donations, benefits and obligations connected to those donations.
 - Funds provided by those donations limits the number of outside events needed to support the Equine Trust. Discussion on limiting the number of times we “go to the well” to ask for community support.
- Recent acquisitions.
 - Asked for suggestions from advisory committee for new purchases. None suggested at this time with the exception of material for the equine science degree including facility maintenance.
- Approval and Committee Support of Equine Science Degree
 - The committee voted without opposition to approve and support the development and implementation of an Equine Science Associates Degree program at Modesto Junior College. The need within local and regional industry for qualified graduates is significant.