

# Ag Business Advisory Minutes – November 6, 2023

## TCC B120

- I. Called to order at 4:05pm
- II. Introduction of all Advisory members
- III. Review of minutes from April 2023 meeting
- IV. Fall 2023 Update
  - a. Review of courses being offered and how they count towards certificate, degree, and transfer options. The courses being offered are AGMT001 – Agriculture Economics, AGMT108 – Ag Computer Applications, AGMT103 – Introduction to Agriculture Business, AGMT201 – Introduction to Food Safety Management, and AGMT104 – Agriculture Accounting.
  - b. Review of activities happening in the Ag Business Club shared by Shyanna Ward, Ag Business Club President– sweatshirt fundraiser, Fall Fest face painting and coloring, First Year Field Day Cotton Contest and Lunch and Learns with the USDA and Hotspot.
  - c. Review of Career Service events – Meet and Mingle on 11/2 and Ag and Trades Job Fair in March of 2024
  - d. Review of student engagement outside of the classroom – judging/assisting with various FFA opening and closing contests, Ag Ambassador Conference, Fall Fest and First Year Field Day
- V. Spring 2024 Course Offerings
  - a. Review of courses scheduled for the Fall semester including two sections of AGMT001 – Agriculture Economics, AGMT102 – Ag Sales and Marketing, AGMT108 - Ag Computer Applications, and AG110 – Ag Leadership
  - b. We also reviewed current enrollment numbers for Spring 2024 and the registration schedule
- VI. Discussion of Courses, Certificates and Degrees
  - a. Certificate of Achievement in Agricultural Business Management – no changes recommended at this time
  - b. Skills Certificate in Food Safety Management – recommendation to expand the certificate to 18 units, making it a Certificate of Achievement in Food Safety Management adding AGMT 001 and 3 units of Work Experience as required courses
  - c. Associate of Science in Agricultural Business Management – recommendation to remove AGMT 006 – Ag Sector Analysis from required courses and replace it with AG 110 – Ag Leadership
  - d. Associate of Science in Agriculture Business for Transfer – no recommended changes at this time
- VII. Other Business
  - a. Industry recommendation of trying to have some type of job fair/event twice per year
  - b. Discussion of Building Pathways to Success Conference held at Fresno State
  - c. Discussion of the Fresno State Ag Business Conference
  - d. Discussion of the Fall CATA Regional Meeting
  - e. Discussion of the upcoming Mid Winter Conference to be held at Butte College Ag Expo
  - f. Next meeting will be in Spring 2024
- VIII. Adjournment at 5:00pm

## **COS Fall 2023 ASCI Advisory Board Minutes – Email**

First of all, I hope this email finds you well! The reason I am emailing you is to seek your input/approval of a curriculum change with the Food Safety Certificate that is housed in Animal Science and Agriculture Business. I know we typically have our meeting in the springtime, and I did not think this item warranted an in-person meeting. Below is the proposed curriculum change for the Food Safety Certificate from Shannan Cooper and myself. She presented it to her Advisory Committee and they approved, but we wanted your input/approval as well. If you could email me your thoughts at your convenience, I would be greatly appreciative.

We are wanting to make the COS Food Safety Certificate 18 units instead of the current 12 units because students pursuing this certificate would qualify for financial aid. This in turn would help boost numbers/enrollment in the necessary classes to complete this certificate. We are wanting to add AG Econ (3 units) and 3 units of Work Experience to the current 12 units required.

### **Current Classes in Certificate**

AGMT 103 - Intro to Agriculture Business - 3 units

AGMT 201 - Intro to Food Safety Mgmt - 3 units

ASCI 126 - Meat Science - 3 units

ASCI 202 - Applied Food Safety Mgmt - 3 units

## **Comments from ASCI Advisory Board Members**

Dr. Terry Lehenbauer

I have reviewed your message, and I support these changes to increase the certificate training program to 18 units with the classes which you have listed.

I was curious if COS offered a microbiology or bacteriology class. If so, it is probably housed in a different unit other than Animal Science and Agriculture Business. I think that such a class would be useful for a student involved in food safety.

Thanks for the great work that you and your team at COS-Tulare do!

Sammi Slover

Looks good.

Keep up the good work. (Glad to push kids to COS for Meat Science!)

Jim Brem

How are these two new additions tied to the food safety certificate?

Russell McKeith response to Jim Brem

Our thoughts were that they have an understanding of Ag Economics because that is important in any Ag/Food related business. The WEXP component would allow them to gain more "real world" experience in the Food Science/Food Safety realm. Do you have any concerns or issues with these two classes?

Dr. Jacob Gomez

That sounds like a good idea to myself. Given with the extra units we could increase the ability to achieve financial aid and increase enrollment possibly it sounds like a win/win situation.

Everybody on the committee agrees with curriculum change for the COS Food Safety Certificate.