



CTE Advisory Committee Agenda

Agriculture Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 12/21/2021

Meeting Time: 5:30pm

Meeting Location: Pizza Factory, Susanville

Committee Members/Invitees:

1. Trevor Wood	Present	Woods Ranch
2. Jack Hanson		Cattle Rancher
3. Petra Finks	Present	Horse Trainer
4. Joe Egan		Farm Credit
5. Holly Egan		FFA advisors
6. Brad Hanson		Plumas Bank
7. Dr. Wayne Cockrell	Present	Thompson Peak Veterinary service
8. Sandy Fortin	Present	4-H-FFA Community Leader,
9. Ramsey Wood	Present	Wood Ranch
10. Melissa McCoy		Every Bloomin Thing
11. David Lyle		UC Cooperative Extension Agency
12. Craig Hemphill	Present	USDA weights and measures
13. Suzanne Williams	Present	AG ISS/Rodeo instructor

NONE VOTING MEMBERS

1. Brian Wolf	Present	Chair
2. Dan Williams	Present	
3. Garret Taylor		
4. Michell Williams	Present	
5. Alison Somerville	Present	

1. CALL TO ORDER 5:41pm

A. Introductions

B. Approval of Minutes December 4, 2019 approval occurred via email after the meeting.

C. Approval of Agenda - Ramsey Wood motion Sandy Fortin second, majority approved.

II. REPORT ITEMS

A. Report on Recommendations from Previous Advisory Meeting

a. Student clubs started

i. Show team competitions

Brian Wolf Reported that the Bylaws were created for a livestock club that we can have sub-clubs under. Right now we have a livestock show team and if we can get some interest maybe a judging team or a

young cattleman's group. The show team has done well. All college shows have been canceled due to Covid so we have been going to open shows. The kids are learning how to fit, halter break, feed, and show, and it's been going well. We are somewhat competitive but don't have the funds for \$20,000 cattle to show.

b. COVID Update

i. All classes are being taught F2F or hybrid

Brian Wolf and Suzanne Williams gave COVID update- we were teaching classes all online and we had the quick meeting so we could approve curriculum to teach online or hybrid. It was challenging but we made it work. Had Youtube videos for lectures for the classes. All classes were written to be taught at least hybrid and a few online. That's probably not the best way for us to go. Student numbers were impacted, rodeo team enrollment was lower. Our CTE students want hands on and face to face- Beginning of this semester Covid testing was discussed for rodeo kids but that was for NCAA rules and we don't follow that agency we are governed by NIRA and their rules were different so we were testing before we leave and after return. It hurt recruitment this year but we are gaining back. We have 4 new kids coming in the spring.

Michell Williams reported that the District is working to have a Pre-covid schedule next semester and moving to more face to face. Some courses will still be offered online but we will also provide face to face courses.

Craig Hemphill- Congratulations to the department and instructions for keeping things going, it's a challenge to be a teacher and keep going in the face of these new challenges.

B. Program Update-

a. Ag Department Update.

Brian- We got voted outstanding small Community College program for the intermountain section.

b. Rodeo Team Update

Susanne- Our team went above and beyond even with COVID. We had two kids that went Nationals one ranked 3rd overall in breakaway roping. Last year we had a 2nd at nationals in barrel racing. We have had some outstanding kids. This year is going well- Our national competitor last year had a severe injury during practice this semester. She is recovering well and is still sitting 5th in the region after only attending one rodeo and is looking to return in Spring. We have a couple of team members that have potential to make it to Nationals.

1. Curriculum- Need to streamline certificates and degrees so the existing ones receive more completions. This will help with increased grant funding and funding for the college.

Brian- Our IPR was approved and we are on the next cycle. We have some curriculum updates to go through to include in our new program review.

A. Inactivate the following Certificate of Accomplishments (do not get reported to the chancellor's office as completions and do not have significance in the field.)

- a. Certificate of Accomplishment Animal Science
- b. Certificate of Accomplishment Agriculture Business
- c. Certificate of Accomplishment Horsemanship

Ramsey Wood motion Craig Hemphill second. Discussion included Suzanne expressed concern about affecting the rodeo team eligibility. The student can continue eligibility if they declare a new educational goal. Michell Williams explained that these certificates do not appear on transcripts and do not provide any industry recognized certificates. This may not be acceptable to NIRA as a new educational goal because it is not transcribed.

Motion approved

- B. Revise Certificate of Achievement Agriculture Science to be a stackable certificate with the other Ag Science degrees so the student receives a certificate in their first year and then the degree the second year. (Reduce units required for certificate to closer to 16).

Craig Hemphill motion Ramsey Wood second. Discussion- Brian explained this was designed so students could achieve in one year no matter when they begin the program because of the “or” options. The department will work with the counselors to improve students applying for the certificate and increase achievement numbers. Majority of students will take the courses to achieve certificate if they apply.

Motion approved.

- C. Inactivate the following courses
 - a. AGR 41 Farm Tractors & Farm Power
 - b. AGR 23 Western Riding – looking at creating community education courses for all horse classes if insurance costs make it affordable. This will allow for repeatability.
 - c. AGR 50 Basic Riding
 - d. AGR 53 Colt Training
 - e. AGR51 Horsemanship

Ramsey Wood motion, Trevor Wood second. Discussion- Brian explained that the AGR 41 class is very difficult to teach because the college does not have the resources to properly teach. More tractor experience can be included in AGR 40. Extensive discussion occurred surrounding the effects on the rodeo team members by inactivating the horse riding classes. Suzanne explained that NIRA rules require the student to be enrolled in 15 units and complete, with passing grade, at least 12. These courses help the students achieve this rule. She also explained that some students struggle with general education courses like math or science and these courses help boost their GPA. Brian explained that moving the courses to community education would allow more community members to take courses and repeat the courses because they are not for credit and wouldn't fall under the repeatability rules. Brian also explained that he worked with the counselor to identify at least one AGR class that will have a late start to accommodate students that need to enroll in a different class at the drop date. Suzanne said most of her students are transfer students however, most of these classes are not transfer classes they would only count positively towards overall GPA. Suzanne questioned the benefits to the college by moving to community education. Michell explained that these classes must be self-sustainable meaning the cost of tuition covers the cost of the class. It is important to have allow for continuing education for our community members. Our college would not gain FTE funding for the courses if they were moved to community service. Enrollment for the courses have been low and they are in danger of consistently

being cancelled. This could affect the students that have enrolled because they have to find a new course to take later. In the interest of time, a motion was made to table this until the next meeting and see if enrollment increases. Motion to table approved.

D. Move AGR 57 Beginning Horseshoeing to a non-credit adult education offering.

Craig Hemphill motion, Wayne Cockrell second. Discussion- this could be a very good certificate program for the college. The one course is not enough for all students to master the skills. This could lead to a credit program and there are no certified horseshoeing schools on the west coast.

Motion approved.

E. Mirror AGR 61 Introduction to Bovine Reproduction as a non-credit adult education course. Can be offered as a stand-alone certificate course with industry recognized certificate. Partially funded through Lassen Modoc Adult Education grant funds.

Wayne Cockrell motion, Ramsey Wood second. Motion approved.

F. Add AGR 4 in the Associate in Science Degree Agriculture Business for Transfer in the required electives section. This course does have a CID Descriptor and is included in the CSU or IGETC Degree plan.

Craig Hemphill motion to approve F and G to include AGR 4 into both degree plans, Ramsey Wood second. Discussion committee members agree AGR 4 is a good class that fits both degree programs. Motion Approved.

G. Replace AGR 41 Farm Tractors & Farm Power with AGR 4 Agriculture Sales and Communications in the Associate in Arts Degree University Studies- Emphasis in Agriculture Science (transferable degree) and Associate in Science Degree Agriculture Science and Technology (terminal Degree).

Approved with motion from above.

2. Projects

A. Vet Tech Certificate update

Brian explained that this is still a needed certificate option however, improvements to the facility need to occur first. He does not want to start the process until there is classroom and lab space to hold instruction. Committee agreed. Wayne expressed that there are many online programs however the graduates he has had experience with are not well trained. Committee agreed this is still a good option when facility is improved. Suzanne asked if there were bids yet to finish the barn into classrooms. Michell reported that there have not been bids yet and facility was also looking and a new pre-fabricated classroom building that could be placed down by the ag facilities. Not sure on costs yet to make all improvements. It is very expensive to complete construction projects because of contracting rules.

3. Graduates / placement

A. Need Increased recruitment- due to time tabled to next meeting.

4. Program Review Status/accreditation

- B. Completed in 2020 and working on new cycle to be up to date- working on curriculum.

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Industry Update- due to time tabled to next meeting.
- B. Recruitment Activities - due to time tabled to next meeting.
 - a. Show team competitions, local recruitment, FFA competition visits.
- C. Job Placement/Work Experience Opportunities- due to time tabled to next meeting.
- D. Equipment / Facility Needs
 - a. New tables and chairs
 - b. Finish barn into classrooms or build new classroom and lab space. Discussed with vet tech certificate.
 - c. New fence line feeders just need to be installed. - due to time tabled to next meeting.
- E. Articulation Activities- due to time tabled to next meeting.
- F. Perkins / Strong Workforce Update - due to time tabled to next meeting.
 - a. Funded new ultrasound machine, embryo freezer with Perkins.
 - b. Will include financial needs in IPR to include in SWP plans.
- G. Need email updates for committee

IV. NEXT MEETING

May have one in the Spring if needed.

V. ADJOURNMENT 7:13pm