

**Agriculture Advisory Council**  
**November 9, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE**

Nick Chatterton, Terri Cummings, Jason Emmert, Melanie Green, George Hickman, Dave Kietzmann, Amanda Krabbe, Brandy Marron, Ted Olson, Cristin Prince, Lynn Rohrscheib, Greg Shepard, Adam Stonecipher, Larry Tracy, Kerry Wienke

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business to report

**NEW BUSINESS**

A discussion of the curriculum took place. Brandy would like to restructure the Ag Curriculum to include Intro to Ag Skills (spreadsheets, web development, databases, communications, web design with an Ag focus) She wants to expand the technology portion of the program to include Precision Ag, with a grant for drones this would be possible. Using drones and would require FFA licensure. Some other items she wants to include are Ag Finance & Business, Bio-Tech (genetics, heredity), Bio-matics (computer science, which would be with Kathy Franklin), expand animal science to include nutrition. Some specializations (certificates) in Ag Tech may be required; such as GPS and Precision. The members were very positive in reacting to the changes and agreed that the program was due for a needed update. Brandy wants to work on a cross curriculum certificate that would include welding, automotive, computers, and machining. AGRI 205 Grain Drying-Storage needs to be updated or eliminated as it is an outdated course. The goal of the advisory council is to come up with ideas to increase enrollment, whether it is for transfer or career students. The changes will be a very good step in that direction.

**ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR**

The members briefly talked about internships, the students benefit from more experiences. It was suggested to check into GrowMark.com. Some ideas from the floor included bringing in industry partners to talk about equipment (GPS, GIS, drones, etc.) Possibly an FFA prep class for licensure, prep class for custom applicator/spray license. The members indicated there is a heavy need for CDL Applicators. They must be 18 to get a CDL, FFA licensure, or spray applicator license.

Brandy also wants to update the course offerings for College Express. Including having the students do OSHA, possibly from Career Safe. Nick will have to look into it as that is an added expense. Her suggestion for sequence is the following:

S19 - Ag Management - AGRI200

S19 - Employment Seminar - INFO245

F19 - Ag Economics - AGRI102

S20 - Ag Technology - AGRI109

F20 - Animal Science - AGRI101

Ag Day in April 2019 is needing to be restructured to a recruiting event for Jr. and Sr. in high school. Brandy plans to keep the food for the community event part. The zoo and pedal tractors will be eliminated for the event. Instead the event will include Ag speakers, breakout sessions after lunch, booths for Ag Businesses  
Fall 2019

**DATE of NEXT MEETING**

**MINUTES SUBMITTED by:** Respectfully submitted,

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