

Agriculture Advisory Council Agenda

Thursday, June 22, 2017 9:00 A.M. MMC 300

1. Enrollment Data

a. Fall 2016-	AGRI 180 soils,	13
	AGRI 205 grain drying and storage	7 college, 2 college express
b. Spring 2017-	AGRI 101 animal science	11
	AGRI 109 agr technology	7
	AGRI 200 ag management	4 college, note: 5 other
	college students had already received credit from their high schools.	
	AGRI 206 grain marketing	6 college, 3 college express
	AGRI 202 SOE 1	4
	AGRI 290 SOE 2	2
c. Summer 2017-	AGRI 290 SOE 2	1
d. Fall 2017-	AGRI 102 ag econ	13
	AGRI 121 agronomy	12

Employers expressed they were pleased with current numbers.

2. Revised Program Information Sheets-Were not shared.

Will be mailed to Agriculture Advisory Members.

3. Possible Online Agriculture Courses-

Currently offer:	AGRI 102 Ag Econ online
	AGRI 206 Grain Marketing
Suggestions:	AGRI 109 Agr Technology
	AGRI 207 Ag Pesticides

Explained the request from Dean Dittmar, Agricultural Education, FCAE, in regard to ag classes offered online, that might be available for students in high schools without an ag program.

Some concern about ag students taking certain courses online because of the hands on skills required.

Questioned the mix of College express/ college students/ online students.

Recommended that Ag Sales be added to the curriculum.

It was pointed out that the current curriculum does include a sales course from the business department.

4. Discussion of Sustainable Agriculture curriculum

Food science - Requires too much equipment and new faculty. Not feasible.

5. Discussion of Ag Club equipment for land lab use

Mr. Potter gave an update of the purchased equipment and announced that it would be desirable for the Ag Club or Ag Department to own a disk and planter.

It was recommended that Mr. Potter talk with Mowrey Auction Company,

Milford Illinois. It was also recommended that Mr. Potter donate his old equipment. It was established that it was too large, however. The purchasing process was discussed because it adds to the difficulty of purchasing equipment at an auction.

6. Future Internship Programs

Chemical Application Operators are possible available with Gromark Industries, FS.

7. Career Outlook from Advisory Members

Popular career areas in agriculture might include sustainable foods or market foods, but concern was expressed about enrollment numbers and the needed work ethics. Employers expressed difficulty in finding folks to work the hours they need as well as work steadily.

8. Items from the Floor

What are the possibilities for certificate or degree programs?

Chemical Applicator Operators was encouraged.

Recommended that private application certificate become part of the pesticides course.

Asked to consider adding CDL to program and hazmat certificate.

9. Date of Next Meeting

November 2017