

Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club

Main Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2014

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held Thursday January 30, 2014 in 1352 Gilman. President Beth Pleggenkuhle called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. There were 125 students present.

Officer Reports:

- Secretary: Minutes of December meeting were briefed by Lauren Malecek. Approved by Club members.
- Treasurer: Blake Bayliss announced the current balance available \$27,890.57. The annual budget was presented and approved by Club members.
- Ag Council: Best Butts will be held Thursday, February 6. Jessica Marty and Calvin McBride will be representing our club. Spring Career Fair is Wednesday, February 5 from 10am-2pm. See an Ag Council Rep for Baconfest Co-Chair Applications.

Guest Speaker: Katey Johnson – ConAgra Foods

Katey Johnson is a Key Accounts Manager for ConAgra Mills. She is originally from Montezuma, IA and a grad of Iowa State University. Her majors were Ag Business, Econ, and International Ag. During her time on campus she was active in the Ag Business Club. ConAgra is headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska. Its core values are simplicity, accountability, collaboration, and imagination. Katey left us with these thoughts: do your research (before talking to a company), be open-minded, network, and enjoy your time in college.

Committee Reports: All new committee members were announced

- Banquet: Spring banquet is scheduled for March 8, 2014 in Scheman. Cost is free for perfect attendance, \$10 for members, and \$15 for guests. Stop into 174 Heady and purchase your tickets from Carol.
- F&F: Looking into buying sweatshirts for the club. Stay tuned for more info.
- Special Projects: Ski trip is Feb 21-22 in Hastings, MN. Sign up will be on Carol's desk 8 am Friday morning. Cost for members is \$60. The bus will leave Friday at 3:00 pm and return Saturday around 7:00-8:00 pm.

Meet the Prof: Carmen Bain, Professor and PSA Advisor

Carmen Bain is a PSA Advisor and Professor in the Department of Sociology. She is originally from New Zealand and came to the United States to obtain her PhD at Michigan State. Carmen explained to the club that she was the first person from her family to go to a university. Due to fears of school, she waited until she was 26 years old to go to the university. At a young age she was an exchange student in Brazil. Carmen left of with some pieces of advice:

1. Come back to school or your career when you are ready
2. Exploring is good. Don't be afraid to change your major or career path
3. Take advantage of college
4. Anything is possible – do what you are passionate about

New Business:

- **2014 Club Goals**
- **Member of the month:** Marcie Stevenson for her hard work as VP.
- **New/Old Member:** Hanane Chermati/Jessica Marty

Advisor Comments:

- Dr. Artz: SAEA will be held next week in Dallas, TX. Look next month for Quiz Bowl class. It is 1 night/week
- Dr Deiter: Congratulations to the new committee members. Dr. Deiter reminded us to lead by actions and take involvement in the club. Members are expected to do their job and work as a team to make the club better. He suggested we stop in and thank club sponsors at the Career Fair on Wednesday.

Drawings:

- **Guess the Member:** Locky Catron
- **Wheel of Fortune:** Adam Nihsen (\$100)

Announcements:

- SAEA February 1-3
- Banquet – March 8th in Scheman
- Ski Trip – Feb 21-22
- Next meeting Thursday, Feb 27th
- Spring Career Fair Wednesday, Feb 5 10am-2pm @ MU
- AMMO Fundraiser Feb 8

President, Beth Pleggenkuhle, adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm.