

Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club

The regular meeting of the Iowa State University Agricultural Business Club was held January 25 in Curtiss Hall. President Hanna Mendenhall called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. There were 116 members present.

Officer Reports:

Secretary: Minutes of the December 2017 meeting were briefed by Rachel Alexander. Approved by Club members.

Treasurer: Celeste Swanson announced the current balance available at \$62,530.07.

CALS Council: Be on the look out for upcoming CALS events specifically CALS Spring Career Fair on January 31 in the memorial union.

Reporters: Increase in Facebook likes and the announcement of the Snapchat account coming soon.

Logistics Coordinator: Served walking tacos and will be sending out a survey with next month's food choices.

Guest Speaker: Bill Smith and Laura Muren from Helena in West Des Moines came to speak to the club. Helena is involved in everything from chemical crop protection to financial coverage. Originated in West Arkansas by a fighter pilot and chemist. Helena is known for adding ag technology to pre-existing products. Helena is currently owned by Marubeni, located in Japan. Helena manufactures products for big names such as Dow and Syngenta as well as some cosmetic companies in the off season.

Bill Smith is the recruiter for their intern program. Helena focuses on training their interns in order to prepare them for the industry with a heavy emphasis on agronomy. They're looking mostly for sophomore and juniors for their intern positions. About 1/3 of the 2016 interns either returned or were hired full time.

Committee Reports:

Banquet: Tickets for this spring banquet are on sale now in Heady, be sure to buy your tickets before they sell out.

CALS Career Fair: Be sure to attend the upcoming spring career fair.

Philanthropy and service: No current announcements, but be looking out for spring clean up.

Professional Meetings: They're currently preparing for upcoming events and tracking down sponsors to attend next fall's golf outing.

Publicity: No current announcements.

Recruitment and Social: No current announcements.

Sponsor relations: Currently finalizing the details for the upcoming leadership dinner on January 30th at Reiman Gardens.

Travel: Ski trip next weekend, February 3 and 4. Sign up is open tomorrow until noon and there is a capacity of 35. Meet after meeting to sign code of conduct.

Member of the month: Callen Duffy

New Member: Chandler Jahner

Old Member: Olivia Bisbee

Meet the Prof: Dr. Tracy Turner came to Iowa State from Kansas State and specializes in finance and real estate. Recently ag business students have been granted higher access to CoB classes without being College of Business majors. This includes FIN 371, FIN 435, and FIN 450X. Dr. Turner gave detailed descriptions of each of these classes and strongly recommended that students enroll in FIN 450X, which has a heavy focus on research.

New Business:

Treasurer, Celeste Swanson, went over yearly budget for approval by club. There was no discussion and club members approved the budget for 2018.

The executive team's goals were addressed by President Hanna Mendenhall.

There has been an Ag Alliance committee formed.

Advisor Comments: Amy Brandau, readdressed the need to apply for scholarships and awards. First time members attending were welcomed. Amy talked about goals going into the new year and new semester and encouraged members to write their own personal goals as club members. Some goals may be to be present at meetings, meet new people, finish committee assignments, say thank you, don't procrastinate, take pictures at events and share with officers or advisors, take part in a new event, and try something outside of your comfort zone. Most of all, don't be afraid of failure, fail hard fail fast.

Drawings:

Wheel of Fortune: Kaylee Van Maanen was chosen and she picked the U, she had a 1/5 chance and won the \$100.

Are you here a non present member was chosen and missed the chance to win \$50, the total rises to \$100 next month.

Announcements:

Ski trip will be next weekend

Be sure to apply for club scholarships and awards.

Leadership Dinner @ Reiman Gardens-January 30th

CALS Spring Career Fair-January 31st

Future Meetings: February 15th and March 22nd

President, Hanna Mendenhall adjourned the meeting at 7:08 pm.