

Agriculture Advisory Council AGENDA



COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Mitch Ardantz - Bonipak Produce

Dylan Bognuda – Bonipak Produce

Teri Bontrager - Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau

Jose Chang - Santa Barbara County Agricultural
Commissioner

Emma Chow - USDA - Natural Resources
Conservation Service

Rosemary Cummings - Nipomo FFA

Marc DeBernardi and Mark Powell - Santa Maria FFA

Tom Durant - Durant Distributing

Kevin Dwyer - California Giant, Inc.

Brenda Estrada - USDA - Farm Service Agency

Jim Glines - Community Bank of Santa Maria

Eryn Gray - Ag Laboratory

Dr. Christopher Greer - UC Cooperative Extension

Hector Guerra - Pioneer Valley FFA

Tom Gulliver - Farm Credit West, retired

Ron Labastida - Babe Farms

Larry Lahr - Rincon Corporation

Lacy Litten - Facts From Farmers

Jerry Mahoney - Blosser Urban Garden

Holly Nolan-Chavez - Regional Director - Employer

Engagement - Ag, Water, Environmental Tech

Danilu Ramirez - DRAM Agricultural Consulting

Andrew Rice – California Giant, Inc.

David Rice - Nutrien Ag Solutions

Nic Tasca – AHC Ag Program Outreach Assistant

Luis Valdez – AHC Agriculture Program Alumnus

Claire Wineman - Grower Shipper Association

STUDENT MEMBERS

Yeni Martinez – Agricultural Plant Science, PCA
Preparation

Montse Zarate Antonio – Agricultural Business, Cal Poly
Transfer

FACULTY MEMBERS

Erin Krier, Committee Chair

Dr. Sean Abel - Dean, Life & Physical Sciences

Dr. Rita Abi-Ghanem - PT Faculty, Agriculture

Guillermo Guerra and Miguel Guerra - PT Faculty, Agriculture

& Righetti FFA

Christine Ready - PT Faculty, Agriculture & Nipomo FFA

Jill Vink - PT Faculty, Agriculture

Monday, December 4, 2023 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. B-102 (Captain's Room) with Remote Zoom Option

Zoom Meeting Link - Click Here

Current/Action Items

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Program Update with Advisory Feedback
 - a. Student Update
 - b. Part-time Faculty Updates
 - c. High School Partnerships
 - d. Santa Barbara County Farm Day
 - e. Pending Grant Proposals
 - NSF ATE IMAGINE
 - NSF ATE National Ag Tech Center
 - f. Center for Land-Based Learning Farm Academy
 - g. Program and Course Updates:
 - Spring Courses
 - PCA Preparation Program
 - CTE Career Academy partners needed
 - Facilities Update
 - h. Cal Poly Collaborative Survey SCRI grant
 - Student Clubs: YF&R and Rodeo Team
- 3. Additional Advisory Committee Member Input
 - a. Feedback and Suggestions

Next Meeting

Spring 2024: Monday, May 6, 2024 – 6:00 pm

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Allan Hancock College provides quality educational opportunities that enhance student learning and the creative, intellectual, cultural and economic vitality of our diverse community.