



## AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE SYSTEM-CALLED MEETING

October 16-17, 2017

### Monday, October 16, 2017

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm Optional Farm Tour – UW Platteville

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Optional dinner meeting with faculty (self-pay)  
Discussing program collaboration and other topics  
Potosi Brewery Company, 209 South Main St, Potosi, WI 53820

### Tuesday, October 17, 2017

#### Room 493, Southwest Technical College,

Ag Facilities, 1800 Bronson Blvd, Fennimore, WI 53813

Park anywhere in main lot on either side of Bronson Blvd. Enter through main doors on campus, under glass tower on the west side of Bronson Blvd.

### AGENDA

- 8:00 AM Registration
- 8:15 AM Welcome and Introductions
- 8:30 AM Southwest Technical College Ag Tour
- 9:30 AM System Updates/ Follow-up (*Chrystal Seeley-Schreck, WTCS*)
- 10:00 AM Collaborative Programs Discussion
- 11:00 AM TSA Revision Process (*Valerie Bielinski, WIDS*)
- 11:30 AM Lunch
- 12:30 PM Farm \$uccess (Kevin Bernhardt (UWEXT) and Deb Ihm, SWTC)
- 1:30 PM College Updates
- 2:45 PM Wrap-up/ Next meeting
- 3:00 PM *Adjourn*

### Upcoming Meetings:

- March 2018 Spring SCM (In conjunction with Ag Day at MSTC ~ March 20)
- June 26, 2018 Summer System-Called Meeting (In conjunction with WAAE)
- October/November 2018 Fall System-Called Meeting (NWTC)

## Meeting Notes:

- Need to collect data on who we are serving in the FBPM program
- We are doing a poor job of training our FBPM instructors
  - o Required to teach AND recruit AND bill collect
- What can we do to support farming families at the next level
- Adjunct challenges
  - o No one wants to do a FQAS for an 8 week class
  - o Need to give control back to schools
  - o Losing adjuncts
- How can we share costs of programs
- How can we share faculty
- There isn't enough collaboration between instructors
  - o Time is a major factor
  - o Sharing lesson plans and activities should increase
- Potential idea to collaborate with an internship exchange
- Exploring a Diesel Ag Mechanic apprenticeship MSTC/FVTC
- NTC is involved with an Ag Consortium – NTC + 9 states
- Would like RSS feed for ESM updates
  
- Exploration of Farm Business collaboration with UWEx
  - o Recognize the value of the FBMP
  - o Build upon the concept of the TPAP program in Texas
  - o How can we fill in gaps where there are not ag agents
  - o Deb (SWTC) and Brad (WTC) will continue exploration
  - o Consensus in the group (instructors and deans) that the partnership was worth exploring

## Follow-Up Needs:

- Instructor meetings
  - o Maybe near FFA halftime conference January
  - o Send out survey
  - o FBPM Fall/ April/ June
  - o Need new instructor support
  
- Do a survey monkey figure out more of potential collaborations
  - o on specialty courses to
    - What would you like to see
    - What can you offer
  
- Collaborative Potentials
  - o Specialty areas
    - Dairy goats
    - irrigation
  - o Cost share programs
  - o Share faculty
  - o Internship exchange
  - o Share online classes
  - o Taking an elective at another college
  - o Yearly planning for professional development
  - o Shared field days
  - o Better use of current curriculum, resources, and research

- Bring in FQAS specialist (Mandy + college) to address adjunct challenges at future meeting
  - o No one wants to do a FQAS for an 8 week class
  - o Losing adjuncts
  
- Connect with Agriview to start column back up
  - o Yearly schedule
  - o Assigned by college
  - o Share topics
  - o Re-Identify WTCS brand
  - o Have a theme throughout