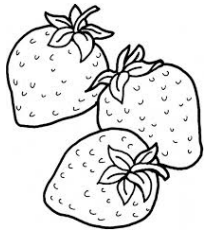
Agriculture Advisory Council
AGENDA



COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Teri Bontrager - Santa Barbara County Farm Bureau
Jose Chang - Santa Barbara County Ag Commissioner
Emma Chow - USDA - NRCS
Rosemary Cummings - Nipomo FFA
Marc DeBernardi and Mark Powell - Santa Maria FFA
Kevin Dwyer – California Giant, Inc.
Brenda Estrada - USDA – Farm Service Agency
Brian Ray - Community Bank of Santa Maria
Dr. Christopher Greer - UC Cooperative Extension
Hector Guerra – Pioneer Valley FFA
Tom Gulliver - Farm Credit West, retired
Matt Hart – Betteravia Farms – Alco Harvesting
Danilu Jelderks - DRAM Agricultural Consulting
Ron Labastida - Babe Farms
Larry Lahr – Rincon Corporation
Jerry Mahoney - Blosser Urban Garden
Holly Nolan-Chavez - Regional Director – Employer Engagement - Ag, Water, Environmental Tech
Nadia Pasco – Primus Labs
Brian Ramler – Driscoll's
Christine Ready - Nipomo FFA
Andrew Rice – California Giant, Inc.
David Roberts – Veggie Rescue
Nic Tasca – AHC Ag Program Outreach Assistant
Luis Valdez – AHC Agriculture Program Alumnus
Jill Vink – PCA, Cal Trans
Claire Wineman - Grower Shipper Association
Montse Zarate Antonio – Driscoll's and AHC Ag Alum

STUDENT MEMBERS

. *Emily Guzman* – Food Science & Nutrition/Plant Science
Pilar Diaz – Agricultural Education
Hailey Liles – Cal Poly Agricultural Business

FACULTY MEMBERS

Erin Krier, Committee Chair
Dr. Sean Abel - Dean, Life & Physical Sciences
Dr. Rita Abi-Ghanem - PT Faculty, Agriculture
Jocelyn Alvarado – PT Faculty, Agriculture
Guillermo Guerra and Miguel Guerra - PT Faculty, Agriculture & Righetti FFA
Dr. Shehbaz Singh – PT Faculty, Agriculture
Dr. Terry Vassey, PT Faculty, Agriculture

Thursday, September 17, 2026

5:00-5:30pm – Registration
5:30-6:00 p.m. – Joint Session in Boyd Hall
6:00-7:00 p.m. – Dinner & Individual Committee Meetings

Current/Action Items

1. Introductions and Welcome New Advisors

2. Program Update with Advisory Feedback
   a. Student Update
   b. High School Partnerships
   c. Community and Industry Partnerships
   d. Grant & Facilities Updates
   e. Program and Course Updates
      - Course scheduling – program review results
      - Spring 2027 Courses
      - Online Organic Certification Option (TOPP)
      - SBCFAN Meat Hub at Lompoc FCI
      - Credit Beekeeping Course at Lompoc FCI
      - Agricultural Drones
   f. Student Clubs
      - Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R)
      - Rodeo Team

3. Additional Advisory Committee Member Input
   a. Feedback and Suggestions

Next Meeting

Spring 2027: Monday, May 10, 2027 – 6:00 pm
(traditional format – on campus with Zoom option)

Adjourn

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