

Monday April 12, 2021 | 8:00am Meeting called to order by Chase Budziak

In Attendance

Members Present:

Lucas Allen Agricultural Education Program Advisor, FCAE

Chris Bausan

- c. While there was no work week or field studies due to COVID, florabot did an artist in residence presentation via Zoom.

B. Fall 2021 Courses & Schedule

- a. Classes have been face to face instruction model with reduced number of students in each class to maintain social distancing.
- b. With adjusted guidelines from the state, we may be able to increase the number of students and still maintain social distancing.

C. Facilities

- a. College is exploring relocating Horticulture classes currently in the B1400 wing to a different location on campus.
- b. The greenhouse renovation project has been delayed to COVID. We are waiting on state funds.

Industry Update from Membership

- A. Crimson Valley: There is a positive industry trend. Last year had highest sales ever. They can't find staffing for some jobs. They want the right people more than trained people. Employees needed are in sales, customer service, middle management. They have jobs with no applicants.
- B. Weed Man: Middle and upper management employees are hard to find. These would be people with a degree who can manage a team. Their jobs are up a lot from last year with people spending more on landscaping.
- C. Midwest Groundcover: It's been a strong spring. Concerned about fall. Need staffing to fill the entry pipeline and are also looking for interns. Virtual career fairs haven't worked well for them because they don't have the time or resources to set up all the technology. They use internships to vet employees. It helps if they are horticulture students, but if they fit the culture people will be hired even if not. It's also nice

