

## FCS Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 13, 2024

2:00 – 3:30 pm Eastern Time

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Zoom

Call to order and welcome by Katy Blatnick-Gagne, VP of FCS Division at 2:01

Appointment of Secretary for minutes: Carol Werhan

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Kristin Vest; Seconded by Angela Gott. Passed

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#### Vice President Report:

**Introduction** of Karin Davis, VP-Elect

**Updates:** FCS Ambassador Program update provided. Natalie Hancock will be leading those efforts. There will be close collaboration with FCCLA to increase marketing of the profession of FCS Ed to secondary students.

The FCS Division Membership is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest Division in ACTE...We are up 133 members this year.

**Division Finance:** Finances continue to be strong. 3 budget areas include: Operating Budget

(Provided by ACTE based on membership in Division and majority spent during Vision; use or lose);

Designated Funds: Funds from interest earned from investments. Temporary Restricted Funds: This fund is from Honor Roll Recipients and interest. This funds graduate fellowships.

[Strategic Plan- FCS](#) An overview of the FCS Division Strategic Plan was provided by Katy and details will be provided in the Business Meeting.

#### Division Committee Reports

**Awards Committee** chaired by Marla Sterling, KS. Katy reported that Marla could not attend but reported that a request for award nominations was sent out via email three times and the deadline was extended from Nov 1 to Nov 13 to encourage nominations. Two nominations have been submitted...One for each of the award categories. Selections will be made soon and awards ordered. Details for recognizing award winners will be sent out at a later date.

**Graduate Fellowships & Roll of Honor** chaired by Dawn Mallette, CO. Dawn reported that she updated the process using Google Forms this year. Ten applicants submitted materials. The number and value of fellowships shall be awarded at the rate of a maximum of \$2,000 for Masters and \$4,000 for Doctoral, not to exceed a maximum of \$10,000 per year. Two Roll of Honor designees will be honored at Vision 2024

**Nominating Committee** chaired by Carol Werhan, IN. Nothing to report due to this not being a nomination year for the Division. Carol encouraged members to apply and consider serving in some capacity at the national level to meet the qualifications for the Division VP position.

#### ACTE Committee Reports

**Bylaws** Division member is Carmel Dare, MO. No new ACTE Bylaws were brought forward this year.

**Nominating** Division member is Kristin Vest, NE. The committee interviewed 3 candidates in July: One for President and two for President-elects. The committee approved candidates in August. Voting will begin at the conclusion of Vision on Dec. 6. The Committee also approved the Region/Division Vice President & Vice-President Elect candidates.

#### Affiliate Presidents' Reports

**Lead FCS Ed** Angela Gott, KY

Membership has increased to 76 members. The organization is working on developing Career Cluster information for marketing and state-level presentations. Additionally, current initiatives include CIP

Code Revisions and Critical Science initiative. Annual Conference June 23-25, 2025 in Kansas City to align with FCCLA National Leadership.

**NATFCS** Karen Roberts, VA

Will have round-tables at ACTE Vision as well as the scholarship efforts. Katy will send an e-blast of information regarding roundtables. Angela will remind LeadFCS Ed of the Round Tables opportunity. Seeking nominations for leadership.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS**

**Associate Partners (Ex-Officio) join the meeting for a quick report.**

**AAFCS/FCS Alliance** Karin Athanas, MD

AAFCS/FCS Alliance report provided by Karin Athanas. Career Cluster work continues and the Alliance is pivoting to help support the modernized Framework to highlight FCS content areas. Launch of the AAFCS ThinkFCS Learning Management System which will include a new series on AI which includes a microcredential. Look for the redesign of the AAFCS website - faster, easier, more streamline; Launch of AAFCS Affiliate Advocacy Grant program; advocacy website, and outreach tool. Also, a ndw grantmaking committee will be formed.

**FCS Ed Coalition** Peggy Wild, IN No report at this time

**FCCLA** Sandy Spavone, VA

Policy concern regarding the dismantling of the Department of Education which need to be considered. Department of Labor may be taking on CTE if necessary. These changes would require congressional approval. Membership is higher than this time frame last year. Bylaws removed language of "through grade 12" which made PostSecondary (PS) membership a full option for membership. Interest in PS level is growing and state are working toward engaging them at the state level. Everfi FCCLA STAR Event will be a new event this year. Challenge Test Partnership with Goodheart-Willcox Publishing is being developed. Marketing and crosswalking to new Career Clusters is underway and should be present at the FCCLA ACTE booth. FCCLA is presenting three workshops at ACTE.

FCCLA is looking for volunteers to assist in Orlando with the National Leadership Conference July 5-9, 2025. Additional important dates: State Adviser Mgt. Meeting January 14-19, 2025; Chapter Adviser Summit January 14-18, 2025.

**FCSEA** Gayla Randall, MO & Jan Bowers, AZ

Gayla shared information regarding the FCSEA 2025 PSA Contest and that State Actions Teams are being re-energized.

Alisha Hyslop, ACTE, reported that ACTE will be putting out a blog post very soon which will include links to important information regarding the dismantling of the Department of Education.

Motion to adjourn by Dawn Mallette and seconded by Angela Gott. Passed

Adjourned 7:59

Submitted by C. Werhan