

## FCS Business Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

4:00 pm to 5:30 pm Eastern Time

### 2024 FCS Division Business Meeting Minutes

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Zoom

Call to order and welcome by Katy Blatnick-Gagne, VP of FCS Division at 4:00. Protocol of Agenda and minutes was discussed.

Appointment of Secretary for minutes: Carol Werhan

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Jennifer Fry; Seconded by Kristin Vest. Passed

Approval of Minutes from the 2023 Division Business Mtg.: Motion made by Lisa Stange; Seconded by Jennifer Fry. Passed

Board of Directors Election: ACTE President-elect Katy Blatnick-Gagne, IA & Brandon Russell, MO presented to their election comments to the group. Other relevant voting information was shared.

Video of National ACTE Updates was shown by LeAnn Wilson, Exec Director who was present.

#### **Vice President Report** Katy Blatnick-Gagne, IA

VP-Elect, Karin Davis was introduced to the group. Karin looks forward to working with the FCS Division and hopes to have the continued support of the members to advance the work of the FCS Division.

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.

#### **ACTE Membership Numbers:**

ACTE membership is increasing

27,759 (Nov. 2024)

27,194 (Oct. 2023)

23,794 (Sept. 2022)

20,752 (Sept. 2021)

21,628 (Sept. 2020)

2024 CareerTech Vision Registration: 4,184 (as of Nov. 1)

#### **FCS Division Numbers:**

4th largest Division with 2,772 Members: This is up 133 members from this time last year. (as of Oct. 2024)

**CareerTech Vision 2024:** FCS Division has 301 Registered as of Nov. 1. This number may not reflect Division members who are also speakers at Vision.

#### **Division Finances**

Katy reports that the FCS Division finances continue to be strong.

Y24 Operating Budget: \$6,312.50

Designated Funds: \$23,915.51

Temporarily Restricted Funds for Graduate Fellowships: \$135,598.54

- Donations from Honor Roll
- Funds are used solely for Graduate Fellowships

#### **FCS Division Strategic Plan**

| Goal (Theme): | Strategies: |
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| <b>Teacher Pipeline Shortage-</b><br>Use current resources created by the National Partnership: <a href="http://FCSED.net">FCSED.net</a> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create quarterly e-blast with recruiting materials</li> <li>• Create and post at least 1 social media FCS recruitment post per month</li> <li>• Include “Becoming a FCS Educator” information in FCS Division Newsletter</li> <li>• Coordinate FCS Day and FCS Educator Day activities with AAFCS</li> </ul> |
| <b>Professional Development-</b><br>Provide FCS content specific learning opportunities  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collect ideas for learning opportunities via FCS Division Board for content specific on-demand learning opportunities</li> <li>• Work with Michael Connet on the ins and outs of creating a course within CTE Learn</li> <li>• Find sponsorship to allow course to be free to FCS members</li> </ul>         |
| <b>Leadership Development-</b><br>Budget and recruit 1 new professional fellow to apply for the Fellowship program each year             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with ACTE to develop an FCS specific e-blast for FCS division members encouraging individuals to apply for the New Professional Fellowship program</li> <li>• Ask FCCLA to disseminate information via their Advisor Newsletter</li> </ul>  |

### 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

**LeadFCS 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

NATFCS will continue to have round-tables at ACTE Vision as well as lead in the scholarship efforts within the Hospitality Room. Katy will send an e-blast of information regarding roundtables. Angela will remind LeadFCS Ed of the Round Tables opportunity. Seeking nominations for leadership.

#### **Associate Partners**

**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

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-engergized.

#### **2024 CareerTech Vision: FCS Specific Sessions (All times are CST)**

- **First Time Attendee Orientation**  
Thursday, Dec. 5, 6:45 am
- **Division Opening Session: Gratitude, Advocacy, and Legacy... Live Your Brand**  
Thursday, Dec. 5, 11:45 am   Wear your FCS shirt!
- **Hospitality Room**  
Thursday, December 5, 1:00pm
- **FCS Best Practices Panel**  
Thursday, December 5, 4:00 pm
- **Sparkling Success: FCS Division Awards and Champagne Breakfast**  
Friday, December 6, 8:30 am *\*Prize give-away by Reality Works*
- **NATFCS Round Tables**  
Friday, December 6, 10:00am

Motion to Adjourn was made by Carol Werhan; Seconded by Kristin Vest. Passed.

**Submitted by Carol Werhan**