

Pennsylvania Association of FFA
Board of Directors Conference Call
November 17, 2014 – 3:30pm

President Aurand called the meeting to order by conference call at 3:34pm. On the call were: Ellen Aurand, David Bittner, Holly Oberholtzer, Doug McCracken, Sherisa Nailor, Sarah Sparks, John Ewing, Tony Rice, Katie McLaughlin, Annette Gray, Kelly Bier, Joe Goodge and Mike Brammer.

President Aurand provided an update on the Keystone Degree approval process which was held Saturday, November 15. While the Board did set three categories in which the applications would be scored, no guidelines were set to tell the committee what should be placed where.

Items discussed were:

Teacher Errors – Typo's – incorrect dates – GPA's – complete sentences – should we allow corrections to some of these areas – should we accept all with corrections – are we penalizing students for teachers errors – etc.

Doug McCracken/Sherisa Nailor moved to review the entire list of denied applicants to determine if they can be listed as approved - pending corrections. Roll call vote taken:
YES – McCracken, Nailor, Bittner, Oberholtzer, Ewing, Sparks, McLaughlin, Rice, Aurand.
NO – No one
Motion passed 9-0 in favor.

Discussion followed on each denied category. With discussion being too close to call on the subject of "Activities above the Chapter level", a roll call vote was asked for. Should this category be allowed in the pending corrections list?

YES – McCracken, Sparks, McLaughlin, Rice

NO – Nailor, Bittner, Oberholtzer, Ewing, Aurand

5-4 – this category WILL NOT be listed as pending corrections.

After discussing all categories the following was agreed to by a unanimous roll call vote.

OK to move the following to "Approved pending corrections":

Parli Pro issue, complete sentences/descriptions, enrolled dates VS. Activity dates, hours and/or \$\$ not realistic

The following areas would stay in the "Denied with no appeal" listing:

GPA, six minute speech, activities above the chapter level, 3a & 3b not matching, inventory issues

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Brammer – FFA Executive Manager