

**FACILITATING COORDINATION IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION - - STATEWIDE
AUGUST, 2020, SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES FOR DEAN DITTMAR**

I. ON SITE ASSISTANCE – SCHOOLS – 0 COUNTY PARTNERSHIPS – 0 *Virtual

II. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED – PARTICIPANTS –

III. MEETINGS/CONVENTIONS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED – 19

- *Ag Ed State Staff Weekly Meetings(4)
- *Website Meeting with Programmer
- *IAVAT Professional Development Committee Meeting
- FCAE Staff Employment and Office Meeting with Donna Kaufman, Champaign
- *CAERT Professional Development
- *Compeer Grant Meeting with Karen Schieler
- *Administrative Council Meeting
- *ISBE Meeting with Erica Thieman and Marci Johnson
- *School Starting Meeting with Neil Caskey, NCGA
- *COVID and Schools Webinar with the Danforth Center
- ROE #9 Leadership Meeting, Champaign
- *Lesson Study Meeting with Amy Leman, UIUC
- *Financial Taskforce Meeting
- *FFA Board Meeting
- *ICAE Rules Committee Meeting Relating to the FCAE Section
- *Perspectives from the Pipeline: Racial Equity in Agricultural Education & Industry Seminar

IV. MILES TRAVELED – 686

V. OTHER ACTIVITIES - 13

ILCAE, ICAE, IAVAT, CEC, FCAE Individual Member and Team Phone Calls
Completed Evaluation for Susie Scott and Met with Her
Assisted Susie Scott with FY20 and FY21 FCAE Budgets
Assisted in the Review and Guidance of the Development of New Website – ILAgEd.org
Updated Numerous Data Summary Google Docs
Created and Submitted FY21 FCAE Budget
Mentored and Assisted FCAE Staff with Projects
Reviewed Staff Monthly Reports and Travel Reports
Prepared for Presentations and Meetings
Wrote and Sent Email Messages/Made and Returned Phone Calls.
Completed Monthly Reports
Wrote Two Letters of Support for Ken Hartman and Midwest Curriculum Project
Updated ILCTE.org Agricultural Education Page

VI. COMMENTARY

FY21 FCAE budget will be very tight and frustrated that it is not approved yet through ISBE. Changing the Ag Ed Rules to allow entities beyond colleges and universities to apply should be thought through more to identify advantages and risks. Glad to see that IAVAT is developing ongoing professional development with FCAE to support ag teachers and generate revenue lost by not having a June conference.