

CALS Governance Council Minutes
September 23, 2013
311 Latham Hall

Dr. Grant called the meeting to order at 1:01pm with a welcome to everyone.

Council members present: Dan Goerlich, Matt Schroeder, Scott Greiner, Jerzy Nowak, Dongmin Liu, Susan Hutson, Susan Sumner, Saied Mostaghimi, Barbara Leshyn, Mary Christian, Sean O'Keefe, Holly Scoggins, Stephen Kleiber, Zerita Montgomery, Bobbie Potter, Margaret Merrill, Pat Donovan, Vernon Meacham, and Cathy Sutphin.

Council members participating via phone: Steve Rideout, Mike Schwarz, Teresa Vaughan, and Cheryl Austin.

Approval of the Agenda:

A motion was made by Dan Goerlich to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Holly Scoggins and approved.

Approval of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Vernon Meacham to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Holly Scoggins and approved.

Old Business:

Holly Scoggins made a motion to approve the change under Article IV, Section 1. Composition of Council and under Article VI, Section 8. Committee on Extension and Research Program Policy and Section 9. Committee on International Program Policy, that "One non-agent A&P faculty elected by the non-agent A&P faculty", change to "One non-agent A&P faculty elected by CALSFA". Susan Hutson seconded and the motion passed.

Dr. Grant reminded everyone that the Council Constitution, minutes and membership lists are on the CALS website under Faculty and Staff Governance.

Committee Reports:

Committee on Academic Program Policy:

Mike Ellerbrock gave the report for this committee. The committee is working on the peer review of teaching, hoping to make it parallel to other colleges and departments. Dr. Peter Doolittle, Center for Instructional Development and Educational Research has a wide variety of reports. Holly Scoggins is leading the subcommittee and has drafted a revision to the CALS policy. Mary Ann Hansen has prepared a letter that includes constructive material.

CALS Curriculum Committee:

Susan Sumner gave the report. The Committee met on October 9. Reese Voshell, chair, is aided by Erik Ervin who is encouraging to follow guidelines. There is a 15-day review. There is a new BS degree in microbiology. More information is on the website.

Committee on Extension and Research Program Policy:

Saied Mostaghimi reported that the committee has not met yet.

Committee on International Program Policy:

Sean O'Keefe gave this report. The website is accessible and shows the Research and Development activities section. The department projects will be available soon. He distributed the CALS Study Abroad information sheet scheduled for October 2 from 6:30-8:30pm in 1810 Litton-Reaves Hall and Lobby. The members of the Committee are actively participating in the preparation of the *Deans' Forum on "Global Engagement"* planned for March 25-27, 2014. The forum will involve the entire Virginia Tech community and nationally/internationally known speakers and artists. Faculty will receive updates via an email.

Updates from Dean and Associate Deans:

Research

Saied Mostaghimi stated that there are approximately 500 graduate students; candidates are increasing and the goal is 850. The MS numbers are holding. Grants? There will be another speaker seminar in November.

Extension

Alan Grant reported that the New Faculty Orientation went well. There are 10 new tenure-track faculty. This orientation was a partnership between Extension and CALSFA; feedback is positive. At the present time, there are 215 tenured faculty; 6 new faculty will begin in January 2014; 14 searches are underway; 2 departures, which totals 233 tenure, tenure/track faculty. There are 222 agents, 2 offers have been presented; 10 positions have been posted and 5 positions will be posted in the future.

Academic Programs

Susan Sumner reported that Homecoming was success. Jamie Lucero did a great job with the meals and displays. Vernon mentioned the feature of the new donor wall in Litton-Reaves Hall. It has a more modern look and includes an interactive all with philanthropic topics and college events. Susan continued with the college transfers of 147 and approximately 480 freshmen this year. There will be another open house in November. There are two assistant deans in Academic Programs. Erik Ervin will be working with Reese Voshell on the Curriculum Committee and Alex Niemiera with career and faculty/student awards.

CALS

Alan Grant reported on the capital projects. HABB1 is on track to be completed in November 2013. The Dairy Phase I equipment will be moved. The Board of Visitors

approved the design of Phase II. The pre-planning was approved by the state. The remaining dairy facilities will be moved to Plantation Road and Kentland Farm.

Craig Woods, Director of AHNR-IT, retired effective August 31. A search is underway with Dr. Steve Blank as chair. The committee has met to discuss the Human Resources policies and procedures.

New Business:

Holly Scoggins distributed flyers on Oktoberfest to be held on October 8 from 5:30-7:30 at the Hahn Pavilion. Admission is free. Proceeds will go to student clubs and the Teaching Certificate for Excellence.

Announcements:

Cynthia Gregg, ANR Extension agent in the VCE-Brunswick County Office, has been elected as Vice President of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents. Congratulations to Cynthia.

The next meeting will be in November.

Adjourn: Barbara Leshyn made a motion to adjourn; Holly Scoggins seconded the motion at 1:30pm.

Respectfully submitted
Sheila Norman, Recorder