

CALS Governance Council Minutes  
May 6, 2014  
311 Latham Hall

Dean Grant called the meeting to order at 2pm with a welcome to everyone.

Council members present: Brian Calhoun, Pat Donovan, Mike Ellerbrock, Erik Ervin, Thea Glidden, Dan Goerlich, Matt Hulver, Rose Jeter, Jody Jellison, Ed Jones, Mike Lambur, Dongmin Liu, Jamie Lucero, Vernon Meacham, Jerzy Nowak, Sean O'Keefe, Bobbie Potter, Matt Schroeder, Holly Scoggins, Susan Sumner, and Reese Voshell.

Council members participating via phone: Mike Schwarz and Teresa Vaughan.

Absent with notice: Mary Christian and Margaret Merrill.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

A motion was made to adopt the agenda and it was seconded; approved.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Mike Ellerbrock made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction; seconded by Erik Ervin; approved. The correction was in Susan Sumner's updates and should read: The 4<sup>th</sup> Summer Academy for incoming freshmen is scheduled.

**Old Business:** Mike Ellerbrock made a motion to approve the CALS Policy for Improving Quality of Instruction by Peer Review of Teaching; Holly seconded; approved.

**New Business:** None

**Committee Reports:**

**Committee on Academic Program Policy:** Mike Ellerbrock stated there is no report.

**CALS Curriculum Committee:**

Reese Voshell reported that the Curriculum Committee reviewed and approved with revisions 10 items.

9 New Courses:

- CSES 4354 Advanced Agronomic Crops
- HNFE 2774 Topics in HNFE
- HNFE 4774 Advanced Topics in HNFE
- FST 5054 Professionalism in Food Science
- FST 4104 Applied Malting and Brewing Science
- FST 4414 Fermentation Process Technology and Instrumentation
- FST 4544 Distillation and Fermentation Analysis
- FST 4644 Fermentation Microbiology
- FST 4654 Food and Beverage Fermentation

The five FST courses listed above (4104, 4414, 4544, 4644, 4654) are intended for the proposed FST Fermentation option. This option is being developed in response to the increasing demand in Virginia and across the world for individuals trained in both the theoretical and hands-on aspects of fermentation.

1 New Minor:

HORT Viticulture

This minor has been developed because the number of vineyards across Virginia and the mid-Atlantic has expanded rapidly in the last two decades, and Virginia has become the 5th largest wine-producing region in the United States. The program would be unique, as no other land-grant university in the southeast or mid-Atlantic offers a viticulture curriculum.

**Committee on Extension and Research Program Policy:**

The committee met on March 28, 2014 with Dr. Ed Jones (Extension) and Dr. Saied Mostaghimi (Research). Mike Lambur (Extension) was elected chair.

There were two items on the agenda:

- a. Extension position descriptions
- b. Promotion of non-tenure track Extension specialists

The committee began initial discussions on 3a. This will be their main focus going forward this year.

**Committee on International Program Policy:**

The Dean's Forum on Global Engagement was held on March 25-27, 2014.

There were, from CALS, 3 videos (13 total), 16 posters (66 total), 8 oral presentations (52 total), and 4 moderators (12 total)

Applications were submitted to two USAID International Graduate Programs:

1-Feed the Future Borlaug Higher Education Agricultural Research and Development (BHEARD): lead by Michigan State and the Norman Borlaug father of green revolution - peace through sustainable food supplies, 6 scholarship applications by 4 CALS faculty: Bangladesh (1), Ghana (3), Mozambique (2).

2- Innovative Agricultural Research Initiative (iAGRI) Tanzania lead by Ohio State.

There were 8 scholarship applications by 6 CALS faculty

The faculty led Study Abroad Program had two trips: Senegal, Spain.

There were 13 students and 3 faculty who went to Senegal. The focus was International service-learning in conservation agriculture to improve forage for livestock (USAID assistance)

There were 16 students and 2 faculty who went to Spain for the 2013-2014 Wintermester (1100 students, 79 courses, 7 were winter experience) between January 2-16, 2014. The focus was to visit agriculture operations (dairy, citrus groves, farms, nurseries, wineries).

### **Bilateral Exchanges (Canada, Greece, Russia, South Africa)**

OIRED's "Sustainable Intensification" USAID grant application with focus on geospatial analyses of agricultural and natural resources system in Cambodia, Ethiopia, and Senegal (approximately \$50 million over five years) to be submitted next week. Five CALS faculty participate in the preparation of the submission. Other faculty with related expertise will get involved if the grant is funded.

The website has been revised. In collaboration with CALS IT experts an International Collaborations sortable data table is being developed based on the faculty eFARS entries. The data will be sortable by Department, faculty, and country of involvement.

### **New MOUs (Ural State, Henan Ag University)**

Database to check status of VT MOUs:

[http://www.oired.vt.edu/mmServerScripts/mou\\_results2.php](http://www.oired.vt.edu/mmServerScripts/mou_results2.php)

### **Updates from Dean and Associate Deans:**

#### **Academic Programs**

Susan Sumner reported that the College Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 17 at 11:30am in Cassell Coliseum. There will be 500 new freshmen coming in July for orientation.

#### **Virginia Cooperative Extension**

Ed Jones reported that the RFP for in service has been sent out. The Winter Conference is scheduled for February 25-27, 2015. The dates for the conference have been scheduled for the next three years. He gave an open invitation to those who would like to attend.

The 2014 Extension Centennial will be celebrated on May 8 on the Virginia Tech campus. Virginia State University will be celebrating the Centennial on May 7.

#### **CALS**

Alan Grant reported that the Committees for the Andy Swiger Land Grant Award and Research Awards for Basic and Applied Sciences have received nominations. He thanked those who nominated someone for either of the awards.

There are two on-going unit leader searches: Tidewater AREC Director and Entomology Department Head. Dr. Grant thanked the members on both of these committees for their service.

The General Assembly is still meeting so there are no new updates on the budget at this time. There is no capital funding for projects. The House has proposed a bonus and the Senate has proposed a base increase for state employee salaries.

**Announcements:**

The CALS Faculty Association (CALSFSA) had their election of officers. The 2014-2015 Officers are: Andrew Neilson, President; Sam Doak, President Elect; Jon Vest, Vice President; Jay Williams, Secretary/Treasurer. Dr. Grant thanked Holly for her service as President of CALSFSA.

Dan Goerlich reported that at the Virginia Association of Agricultural Extension Agents (VAAEA) meeting, there were 2 National Finalists for Communications Awards: Laura Siegle, Amelia ANR Agent, Website; and Andy Overbay, Smyth County, Individual Newsletter. Regional Winners were: Laura Siegle, Website; Mike Parrish, Video Recordings; Andy Overbay, Individual Newsletter; and Brian Campbell, Learning Module or Notebook. State Winners: Laura Siegle, Published Photo & Caption; Andy Overbay, Personal Column and Feature Story; Cynthia Gregg, Learning Module; Brittany Council, Fact Sheet.

Michael Schwarz reported on recent international training activities.

The next Council meeting will be scheduled in September 2014.

Mike Lambur moved to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Norman, Recorder