

CALS Governance Council Minutes
September 4, 2014
311 Latham Hall

Susan Sumner represented Dr. Grant at this meeting. She called the meeting to order at 8:30am with a welcome to everyone.

Council members present: Normand Adams, Mary Christian, Dan Goerlich, Scott Greiner, Matt Hulver, Barbara Leshyn, Dongmin Liu, Jamie Lucero, Vernon Meacham, Zerita Montgomery, Jerzy Nowak, Monica Ponder, Matt Schroeder, Pris Sears, Holly Scoggins, and Susan Sumner.

Council members participating via phone: Cheryl Austin, Bobby Clark, and Margaret Kenny.

Absent with notice: Pat Donovan, Jody Jellison, Ed Jones, Steve Kleiber, Saied Mostaghimi, and Mike Schwarz.

Approval of the Agenda:

A motion was made by Scott Greiner to adopt the agenda and it was seconded by Zerita Montgomery; approved.

Approval of the Minutes:

Dan Goerlich made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Holly Scoggins; approved.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Committee on Academic Program Policy:

Holly Scoggins reported that they have not met yet but asked that Matt Spindler replace Jamie Zoellner on the committee list.

CALS Curriculum Committee:

Monica Ponder reported that the committee has not met yet but said they would be meeting on the third Wednesday of the month from 3-4:30pm. If anyone has any course proposals for review, please send them to her on the second Thursday of the month. She also mentioned that the committee members have changed and that she sent the new membership to Sheila Norman.

Committee on Extension and Research Program Policy:

There was no report but the agenda item (Extension Titles, Codes, and Descriptions update) has been tabled to the next meeting.

Committee on International Program Policy:

Barbara Leshyn reported that the committee will meet bi-monthly during the academic year. The Education Abroad program is now called the VT Office of Global Education (<http://www.educationaaborad.vt.edu/>), contacts are Rebecca Johnson (rhj4q@vt.edu) and Rommelyn Conde (rconde@vt.edu). She is requesting two Council members be on the International Program Policy committee.

New MOUs:

SEAs with Brazil - University of Sao Paulo, contact is Fabio Almeida;
China – Henan University, contact is Carol Wilkinson;
England – Nottingham School of Law, contact is Leon Geyer;
Russia – Ural State Agri-engineering University, contact is Jerzy Nowak and Eric Ervine.

MOUs in development:

Two with Brazilian universities, contact is Lee Daniels
Two with Canadian universities, contacts are Gregory Welbaum and Eric Halerman

The CALS International Programs website (www.cals.vt.edu/international) has a new international collaborations page and will be updated yearly in the spring. Sarah Gugercin is the webmaster of this site.

The Global Education Fall Fair is scheduled for September 24, 2014, from 10am-4pm on the Drillfield.

The CALS Education Abroad Fall Fair will be held on October 8, 2014.

Graduate Teaching Scholar Program:

Matt Schroeder reported that there are 18 graduate students in the program. If a student is selected for the program, they are eligible to receive up to three years of funding for an annual stipend and tuition. The students are expected to be active in teaching, discovery and outreach. To apply for the program, a student is required to write a one-page essay and submit their CV; second year students share 50% of the instructional responsibilities for the course; and third year students are responsible for 100% of the course. They are the instructor on record.

Updates from Dean and Associate Deans:

Academic Programs

Susan reported that there was one policy change: W-Grade policy is being used instead of the A, B, C, D, and F for three courses. You can apply until the last day of class.

There is an Open House in October and November. The departments are requested to come and showcase their programs.

There were 520 freshmen, with increases in APS, HNFE, BIOCHEM, and FST. There were 138 transfer students and 70 students in the 2-year Ag Tech program.

The Graduate Program Directors meeting will be held on September 8.

The New Faculty Orientation is scheduled for September 24 at The Inn.

Virginia Cooperative Extension

No report.

Research:

Susan reported that grants and grant dollars has increased. (Susan, I'm not sure what you said about the census and grad student numbers)

CALS

Susan Sumner reported that the state is requiring a 5% budget reduction for this year and a 7% reduction next year. The plan is due on September 17.

The faculty salary merit increases have already been submitted.

University staff employees are eligible for a merit increase based on their performance evaluation which is due by October 1.

Announcements:

The Fall Kickoff Picnic was held on September 3 in the Ag Quad. It was well attended with 600 plus faculty, staff and students. The student organization exhibits increased.

On September 5, the Alumni Organization will have a pre-game event in Ohio.

The College Homecoming will be held on September 20; it is free to faculty, staff, and students. There are still tickets available.

The Scramble for Scholars Golf Tournament will be held on October 10 at The River Course in Radford. Departments who win will be allowed to award scholarships to a student(s) of their choice.

The Scholarship Banquet will be held on October 30 at The Inn.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2014, from 1-2pm.

Barbara Leshyn moved to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 8:57am.

Sheila Norman, Recorder