

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Faculty Association Executive Committee
Minutes of 17 September 1997 meeting

Present: J. E. Marcy, E. R. Collins, D. W. Reaves, R. E. Veilleux, K. K. Hatzios, G. H. Lacy,
L. W. Zelazny, S. A. Tolin, D. E. Mullins, L. L. Geyer, L. A. Swiger, D. E. Eversole

President Marcy called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM and introductions followed. Meeting dates and times were discussed with the Executive Committee meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and general meetings of the Association would be held on Thursdays from 4-5 PM.

Dean Swiger reported that the College enrollment growth appears to have slowed down but the two-year Agricultural Technology Program is at an all-time high with 136 students. Numbers in the Graduate Program are down and pose a serious problem for the College. The CALS Alumni Association is growing and Dean Swiger will be encouraging faculty and students to support alumni functions. He commended President Torgersen for hosting 130+ legislators last weekend on campus to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Virginia Tech. Dean Swiger indicated that \$14.1M of permanent base funding has been requested for the Plan to Serve VA Agriculture. The Agriculture/Forestry Building is one of three buildings with "Category 1" status.

President Marcy reported that President-Elect Bill Ravlin has accepted an administrative position at The Ohio State University starting January, 1998. Discussion followed as to how his office in CALSFA would be filled. In accordance to our constitution, the Nominations and Elections Committee, chaired by Past-President K. Hatzios, proposed to the Executive Committee of CALSFA that the nominations of L. Geyer (V. P.), D. Eversole (Sec/Treas.) and P. Kennelly be cast for election to the positions of President-Elect, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively. The proposal was approved unanimously by the Executive Committee and an election will follow. If elected, L. Geyer will serve on the Strategic Budgeting and Planning Committee.

K. Hatzios suggested that Nick Stone (or one of his people) oversee the CALSFA Home Page. President Marcy will contact him about this duty and D. Eversole will see that minutes from the Executive Committee and general meetings get recorded.

There has been a request from the Provost's Office to speak at a general meeting. Other suggested speakers and/or topics include Dean Swiger, Dr. Len Peters, and the post-tenure review process. President Marcy will plan the agendas for the upcoming general meetings.

The chairs of the various Commissions reported on their next meeting dates. K. Hatzios distributed a handout from N. Stone asking for the input of the CALSFA Executive Committee on

issues relating to World-wide Web publication policies. Discussion followed and the decision was to let the Commissions on teaching, research, and extension make their recommendations.

S. Tolin presented a flyer regarding a forum on "Higher Education in Virginia" featuring key public leaders. This public forum is scheduled for October 2nd at Hotel Roanoke and is sponsored by the Faculty Senate of Virginia and the Faculty Senates of several Virginia Colleges and universities including Virginia Tech.

President Marcy informed the Executive Committee that faculty will be involved in College and faculty development fundraising. Dr. Ike Eller will coordinate the Development Campaign.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM.