Minutes
CALS Faculty Association
104F Hutchison
October 21, 2004, 10:00-11:00 AM

Members present: Joe Marcy, Dean Quisenberry, Ruby Cox, Holly Scoggins, Jim Pease, Sean O'Keefe, Scott Salom, Bobby Grisso, Cathy Sutphin

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President-Elect Holly Scoggins.

Dean's Report on the College:

- Discussion of Dean's Forum
- Graduate student support; efforts to enhance the research enterprise; evaluate teaching and curriculum to be more efficient.

  Jim Pease asked about grad students/FTE. Dean said everyone needs to contribute to get our numbers up. Even faculty who have not had students traditionally; not immediate, but will transition into this.

- Distance learning questions and answers regarding the proposal of a new Master's degree...Four core courses and then specialized courses. Contact Tim Mack for more information.
- Clarification on University Charter initiative - getting salaries up to the 60th percentile of our peer institutions for both faculty and staff.
- Building is a high priority for this college to adequately house our increased faculty and technological needs.
  - Jim Pease asked about a new plan for Risk Management with regards to power failure that occurred on 10/18 and 19. Dean believes a better plan is needed. It took too long to make contacts. The Dean asked Salom to contact Assoc. Dean Nessler about frequent power outages at Price's Fork Research Station.
- Website on Policies and Procedures: Joe Marcy requested access for this information, currently inaccessible. Dean concurred and asked Marcy to follow up with Associate Dean Mack.
  - Asked Dean about signing annual policy contract. Apparently there is still discussion about what will go into this contract.
- Endowment for scholarships is improving but needs to double from its current level.

Approval of Minutes:
Minutes from 9/28/04 meeting was distributed. Jim Pease moved for approval. Joe Marcy seconded approval. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:
Scott Salom presented the Treasurer's Report. The checking account balance is at $642.75. 66
members so far in 2004-05. Motioned for approval by Ruby Cox and seconded by Bobby Grisso, Report approved.

Other Business:

Picnic issues. Problems occurred getting Bratwursts. Details will come later. Motioned for approval by Ruby Cox and seconded by Bobby Grisso, Report approved.

CALSFA Open Forum discussed. Holly Scoggins arranged for Bradley Fenwick, Vice-provost for to make a presentation. Scheduled for November sometime, date to be determined later. Jim Pease suggested Dean Karen Depauw for spring.

Draft for Administrator’s review was done last year and this document needs to go to the CALS Council (Shared Governance analogous to the University Council). Follow-up on this is needed.

Committee Reports:
Faculty Senate: Jim Pease reported that he, Cathy Sutphin, Bobby Grisso agreed to come to both the Senate and CALSFA Exec Committee.

- Strategic Plan for OIRED was presented by S.K. Dedatta.
- Sports and Academics - participation by Senate
- Student Govt Association pushing for a mandatory evaluation by students of faculty

CAPP Committee:
Two meetings this year so far; numerous proposals approved at last meeting.

Other New Business:

George Flick recommended to Jim Pease the idea of lifetime membership to CALSFA. Further discussion in the future.

Next CALSFA meeting November 12th.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM

Respectfully submitted by:
Scott M. Salom, Secretary-Treasurer
October 27, 2004