**­­College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Faculty Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**9/11/2018**

**8:30 am in 104F Hutcheson**

Call in information: 1-866-842-5779 Code: 5402314152

Attendance- Catherine Larochelle, Rob Grange, Ryan Stewart, Jennifer Jones, Alan Grant, John Galbraith

1. **Call to order**
2. **Approval of previous minutes (August 2018)-approved unanimously**
3. **Moment of silence on behalf of 9/11 victims and heroes**
4. **Dean’s Update**

Enrollment is official on 9/17. CALS has around 568 new freshmen starting this semester, along with 128 new transfers and 72 Ag-Tech students. We are over capacity. Dining, counselling services are stressed. We are at 27,000 total university-wide and Dr. Sands is targeting 30,000 undergraduates.

Stephanie Brown was hired as Human Resources representative for CALS. Vernon Meacham is now Chief Advancement Officer. Jamie and Zeke now report to Vernon. Matt Hulver, Dept. Head of HFNE is now also Asst. Dean of Health Sciences working with the Roanoke Medical Center, exploring partnerships with the health science industry.

Board of Visitors approved a $27 million capital project to upgrade 14 animal and poultry buildings. The work should begin in 2019 and will take approximately two years.

Virginia Agriculture and Natural Resources Initiative promotes public-private partnerships. 48.9% of the $186.6 million that VCE and VAES received in FY2016 was from competitive grants and contracts. Agriculture and forestry are Virginia’s largest industries with an annual economic impact of over $70 billion. They support Agency 229 (VCE and VAES) and stress the integration of the land grant programs and the rest of Virginia. If the state invests in improving infrastructure and advancing technology, industry will be more apt to invest. As of now, we are behind in technology compared to large farms.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Six departments have paid dues so far. Our balance is $4,800. $500 contribution was made to CALSFA for the picnic.

1. **Old Business**
   1. Rob will put standard list of duties on a calendar.
   2. Fall social – Will be held at Bull-N-Bones Sept. 21, 4-6pm. Cost $500. Jennifer will update last year’s flyer and distribute. 30-40 attended at the last event in May, 2018.
   3. New faculty orientation at Hilton Garden Inn. Need to update the powerpoint file and loop it at the event.
   4. Rob is investigating a faculty keepsake – possibly a pen, luggage tag, cell phone ID clip, etc. He will contact Jamie Lucero for information.
   5. Yearly CALS Teaching Award support will be redirected after discussion with Susan Sumner.
2. **New Business**
   1. A Faculty Excellence in Service Award was discussed for service to department, college, and university. Ryan will draft a nomination and selection process document.
   2. Speaker sponsorship – one name will be solicited from each department, district directors, and AREC directors.
   3. Tailgate event – we will ask Jamie Lucero if we can tag onto the CALS Alumni Association tailgate October 6th (playing Notre Dame).
3. **Adjourn at 9:45 am**
   1. Next meeting on October 9, 2018 at 8:30 am.