CALS Governance Council Minutes  
November 30, 2018  
311 Latham Hall

Alan Grant called the meeting to order at 9:00am with a welcome to everyone.

**Council members present:** Dan Goerlich, Ed Jones, Pris Sears, Dave Winston, Tom Thompson, Sandra Gabbert, John Galbraith, Zeke Barlow, Steve Kleiber, Jennifer Jones, Rob Grange, Patrick Hilt, Shanan Sessor, Joe Eifert, Cathy Sutphin, Saied Mostaghimi, and Kiri DeBose

**Council members participating via phone:** Maria Balota, Becky Gartner, and Susan Sumner

**Approval of the Agenda:**
A motion was made to adopt the agenda by Dan Goerlich and John Galbraith; approved.

**Approval of the Minutes**
A motion to approve was made by Zeke Barlow and Cathy Sutphin; approved.

**New Business:**
None

**Committee Reports:**

**Committee on Academic Program Policy:**
Joe Eifert report
- Continuing to work on three initiatives
  - Collegiate faculty hiring process
  - Assignment and training of GA/TAs when teaching
  - College awards
    - Advanced database
    - Re-use prior nominations
    - Stepping stones to the university awards

**CALS Curriculum Committee:**
Dave Winston reported
- Met on November 2nd
- Courses forwarded to the University Curriculum Committee
  - BCHM 4354, a new course, has received final approval and will be added to the course catalog.
  - HNFE 4644, a revised course, has been through the 15 day review and awaits action by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee.
  - HNFE 5644G, a new conjoined course, has been through the 15-day review and awaits action by the Graduate Curriculum Committee.
  - ALCE 5614, a new course, is currently under 15-day review.
  - Three additional courses were tabled by the CALS Curriculum Committee and will be revisited once edits are complete
- Gary Costello and Nicole Akers from the Registrar’s Office and Mary Kasarda, the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC) Chair, met with the committee on October 5th to provide an update on the curriculum process and expectations of college curriculum committees.
- Next meeting, Friday, December 7th at 1:30pm

**Committee on Extension and Research Program Policy:**
No report

**Committee on International Program Policy:**
No report

**CALS Diversity Council:**
Dave Winston reported for Isaac Magaña
- End of semester care packages will be distributed at different sites next week
- Additional CALSUNITED events for spring semester
  - Nate Looney to speak tentatively on February 25th
- Advanced Human Communication seminar well attended

**CALS Library Update:**
Kiri DeBose reported for Inga Haugen
- Haugen and Troia’s research-impact of work- keeps getting more attention
  - Exploring a collaboration with a person in Glasgow
  - Great that there is interest in this project outside of the land-grants
    - Extension as a whole, and VCE and VT CALS are excellent examples
  - Collaboration potential with CALS Global
    - Research not completed yet
    - Want to report to CALS as a whole to show details/how to's of best practices for tracking impact.
- Impact Librarian
  - Rachel Miles
    - Assist with setting up ORCIDs, ResearcherIDs, tracking Altmetrics and other metrics to help provide evidence of the impact of your work.
- With the addition of the VTC School of Medicine, the Libraries are providing new support services for One Health. There is a preliminary guide at [https://guides.lib.vt.edu/HealthSciences/OneHealth](https://guides.lib.vt.edu/HealthSciences/OneHealth) and more guides and support services with a One Health focus will be forthcoming in the upcoming months.
- The four librarians working closely with One Health (Ginny Pannabecker, Erin Smith (HNFE), Inga Haugen, and Kiri DeBose) also provide Systematic Review support and training. There will be a 1.5-day workshop offered through NLI in May. Those interested in conducting a Systematic Review, or who want to know more about this methodology and are enrolled for a computer refresh this year may want to sign up. The workshop provides interactive components to help walk through the process.
- Many donations coming to the Library to fill gaps in our collections. This is great, please keep them coming. Title lists are appreciated.
• The VT student Inga hired has started the inventory of All Virginia Ag Pubs. This will allow for many things, but faster assessment of donations to fill gaps is one part, and prioritization for digitization is another. Born-digital materials will also be inventoried in the future, with a focus on assessing the stability of the digital copies to make sure they are available for a very long time.
• A library student from University of Knoxville Tennessee is doing a practicum for spring semester that Inga is overseeing. However, instead of examining published works, she will likely be working with photos and other unique docs to digitize and make those available.

Updates from Dean and Associate Deans:

Academic Programs
Susan Sumner reported
• 2018 Fall Semester Updates
  ▪ Last day of the semester is December 5th
  ▪ Exams start December 7th
  ▪ Commencement is Friday December 14th
• Transfer students starting January 2019
• Large number of transfer students recruited for spring semester
  ▪ 200 students offered admission, wanting to enroll 100
  ▪ 15 students offered admission in CALS majors.
• Freshmen class starting fall 2019
  ▪ November 1st was the deadline for early binding admission
  ▪ December 1st is the deadline for early action applications
  ▪ January 15th is the deadline for regular admission
  ▪ Currently, there are 13,238 applications to the university which is 41% of the fall 2018 applications total (32,000)
  ▪ CALS has 922 applications which is 49% of the fall 2018 application total (1863)
• Academic Programs current emphasis areas
  ▪ Assisting units with finding classrooms for spring 2019
  ▪ Timetable for fall 2019
  ▪ Advising of students
  ▪ Retention of students
  ▪ Curriculum development and submission of internal development grants
  ▪ Alumni survey for OMALS and all students
  ▪ Planning for August 2019 teaching celebration event

Research
Saied Mostaghimi reported
• David Fiske’s passing
• Search Committee appointed, Susan Duncan, Chair
• HBCU Summit
• College Version, 35/15
• Weather station across ARECs
• AREC Winter Tour
• February 25-28, 2019
• schedule set by VP of Operations
• each AREC for a few hours
**Virginia Cooperative Extension**
Ed Jones reported
- Dan Goerlich has accepted the position of Associate Director for Economy, Community and Food for VCE
- Karen Munden named President for NAEFCS
- Upcoming realignment

**Dean**
Alan Grant reported
- Emphasized the importance of reading the VT Daily News
- Discussed the importance of the new Amazon Headquarters in Arlington and the new VT Innovation Campus
- 4th Provost candidate to be on campus next week
- College Searches
  - ALCE department head search is in negotiations
  - BSE department head search has just begun
- SmartFarm

**CALS International Programs (CALS Global)**
Tom Thompson reported.
- Faculty Partnership Initiative—travel grants program
  - Current call—due Dec. 7, requests travel proposals related to developing study abroad opportunities for CALS students.
- Global Opportunity Initiative—early career global faculty development program
  - This year’s experience for five early career CALS faculty was very successful. We have almost finished selecting the 2019 cohort—four or five CALS faculty plus two VM early career faculty. The cohort will be announced next week. We will begin our learning together in early January, and will travel to Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda in June 2019.
- New members of the CALS Global team:
  - Dr. Ozzie Abaye, Professor in SPES, has joined CALS Global as Faculty Associate for Global Outreach. In her new role, Dr. Abaye will support our outreach strategy, encourage broader faculty involvement, and provide leadership for our expanding portfolio of global outreach.
  - Dr. Cindy Wood, Associate Professor in APSC, has joined the CALS Global team as Faculty Associate. Dr. Wood will work with Ben Grove and Pete Ziegler (CALS Academic Programs) to promote the integration of study abroad courses and semesters into animal and poultry sciences undergraduate curricula. Cindy’s work will help inform best practices for study abroad integration in other CALS departments.
- Stay tuned for an exciting announcement about a new CALS Global initiative in VT News on Monday

**Announcements**
A motion was made to adjourn by Saied Mostaghimi.

Crystal Tawney, Recorder