

**CALS Governance Council Minutes**  
**March 2, 2018**  
**311 Latham Hall**

Saied Mostaghimi called the meeting to order at 9:00am with a welcome to everyone.

**Council members present:** Sandra Gabbert, Shanan Sessor, Susan Day, Isaac Magaña, Mary Christian, Dan Goerlich, Susan Duncan, Patrick Hilt, and Bobby Grisso

**Council members participating via phone:** Susan Sumner and Teresa Vaughan

**Approval of the Agenda:**

A motion was made to adopt the agenda by Dan Goerlich and Susan Day; approved.

**Approval of the Minutes**

A motion to approve was made by Susan Day and seconded by Shanan Sessor; approved.

**New Business:**

None

**Committee Reports:**

**Committee on Academic Program Policy:**

Susan Day reported for the committee.

- Last meeting was February 21<sup>st</sup>
- Waiting on feedback on three initiatives: student teaching mentoring, college award reviews and new awards, and recommendations regarding collegiate faculty

**CALS Curriculum Committee:**

Susan Sumner reported for Dave Winston.

- Two meetings held, December 13, 2017, and January 19, 2018
- Proposals approved for five new graduate courses
  - Three in HNFE
  - Two in APSC
- Committee recommended approval for a new master of science degree in Nutrition and Dietetics in HNFE
- Next meeting is March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm in 1810 Litton Reaves Hall

**Committee on Extension and Research Program Policy:**

No report

**Committee on International Program Policy:**

Tom Thompson reported for the committee.

- First meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>
- Two faculty representatives per department, including AT

- Co-Chairs for 2017-18
  - Mike Klemba (BCHM)
  - Vitor Mercadante (APSC)
- Suggested a list of responsibilities
  - Will be considered at next meeting, before end of spring semester
- Shared CALS Global initiatives and goals
- CIPP will act as a stakeholder group for CALS Global

### **CALS Diversity Council:**

Isaac Magaña reported for the council.

- “Surviving the Semester” event was very well attended
- No February meeting held
- Service awards are being finalized
- Council needs to add an off-site AREC member

### **CALS Library Update:**

No report

### **Updates from Dean and Associate Deans:**

#### **Academic Programs**

Susan Sumner reported.

- College undergraduate commencement, May 11<sup>th</sup> at noon in Cassell Coliseum
- CALS Outstanding Senior is Megan Beatty from FST
- Incoming Fall 2018 class
  - Freshmen notified on March 5<sup>th</sup>
  - 1,252 students offered admission, includes 177 early decision
  - Rolling admission process for AT, currently 44 students offered
- Curriculum committee for OMALS
  - Has been formed and will meet regularly to develop objective and goals
  - Three goals
    - Design and implement a programmatic assessment plan
    - Support curriculum design
    - Support faculty techno-pedagogy
- FYE (first year experience)
  - Grants were due March 1<sup>st</sup>
    - Four submitted for the college
- Pathways Course
  - Grants due March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Three submitted for the college
- Certificate of Teaching Excellence
  - College can select up to three recipients
  - No department nominated any faculty
    - Work with departments to have nominees in 2019

## **Research**

Susan Duncan reported.

- DELMARVA Seed Grant program
  - 11 projects funded since 2014
  - Assessments in process to see how effective these projects have been
  - Extension and researcher working together
  - Participation encouraged
- AREC Personnel Updates
  - Hampton Roads
    - Peter Schultz has stepped down as director
    - Jeff Derr is now the director
  - Eastern Virginia AREC
    - Bob Pittman retired at the end of 2017
    - Joseph Oakes is now the superintendent
      - Former post-doc at the Tidewater AREC
- Encouraged promotion and participation in the Andy Swiger and CALS Excellence in Research Awards
- Cyber Biosecurity
  - Emerging field of interest
  - Industry and academia at risk
  - Wanting to begin a discussion on this topic with those interested
  - Seed funds are available to promote interdisciplinary work in cyberbiosecurity
- New Faculty Orientation
  - Normally a one-day event
  - Began monthly opportunities
    - Visit with the Dean and Associate Deans
    - AREC Tour
    - Taking suggestions for topics to incorporate for the future

Saied Mostaghimi reported.

- Outstanding Graduate Awards
  - To be recognized at the March 29<sup>th</sup> program
    - Ph.D. – Nasrin Alamdari from BSE
    - M.S. – Arogeaenae Brown from ALCE
    - CALS Outstanding Graduate Mentor – Dr. Richard Veilleux from HORT
    - Nominations received from every CALS department
    - Others will be recognized on our website
  - Excellence in Research Award
    - Awards for Applied Research and Basic Research
      - Past \$5,000 has been allocated for operations
      - Now to be split, \$2,500-\$3000 for personal and \$2,000-\$2,500 for support of their program
- ANR Summit
  - April 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>
  - Invited about 50 from VT and 150 from industry (broad)

- Good response from industry, government and commodity groups
- General Assembly
  - No update
  - Concluding March 10<sup>th</sup>
  - A small amount of funding on the house side for Agency 229, the senate does not have much for us
  - \$2.5 million dollar funding on the house side for the VA Seafood AREC building

### **Virginia Cooperative Extension**

Bobby Grisso reported.

- VCE Conference was February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - 350 registered
  - Virtual conference scheduled for 2019
- Extension storefront opens today
  - Training is ongoing
  - Storefront is the first step into revenue generation
    - Printing publications
    - Office Depot is the primary provider
    - Public access is in the future; currently only those with a VTPID can access
- Agribusiness Council recognized two extension faculty: Dave Holshouser at the Tidewater AREC and Scott Jessee in Russell County, Dr. Dick Crowder was also recognized for distinguish leadership
  - Officially recognized later this year at the Cattlemen's Association

### **CALS International Programs (CALS Global)**

Tom Thompson reported.

- Fourth round of faculty travel grant applications due today
  - Six faculty travel grants have been awarded to date
  - Special round of travel grants announced to collaborate with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
    - Applications due March 26<sup>th</sup>
    - Up to three to be awarded
    - Faculty awarded must commit to submitting proposals for a joint US-Israel funding before the end of 2018
    - Hebrew University is making corresponding travel grants as well
    - Six to travel between CALS and HUJI
- Study Abroad
  - CALS study abroad goals and strategies are being determined
    - Participating in a university-wide survey of student perceptions and aspirations for study abroad
    - Visiting individually with advisors from each CALS department to learn about department aspirations for study abroad
    - Working to identify the best fits for exchange and other programs with international universities to support

semesters abroad for students in all CALS majors. By the end of 2018, we expect to make site visits to universities in the Philippines, Israel, Ireland, Scotland, Kenya, Greece, and possibly others.

- VCE Global Programs, from Ben Grove
  - Strategic working group formed for VCE International programs, meeting monthly
  - Approximately 15 extension faculty and volunteers have traveled or have been selected for travel to Mongolia, Senegal, Ireland, and Brazil for CY 2018
  - Formalizing an evaluation program for VCE international programs is in process
  - Planning to implement a VCE-specific travel grant

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

A motion was made to adjourn by Susan Duncan.

Crystal Tawney, Recorder