

CALS Governance Council Minutes
May 10, 2018
311 Latham Hall

Alan Grant called the meeting to order at 10:30am with a welcome to everyone.

Council members present: Sandra Gabbert, Dan Goerlich, Susan Duncan, Neal Vines, Jamie Lucero, Ben Grove, Pris Sears, Mike Lambur, Saied Mostaghimi, Cathy Sutphin, and Ed Jones

Council members participating via phone: Maria Balota and Margaret Kenny

Approval of the Agenda:

A motion was made to adopt the agenda by Mike Lambur and Ed Jones; approved.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion to approve was made by Ed Jones and Saied Mostaghimi; approved.

New Business:

None

Committee Reports:

Committee on Academic Program Policy:

No report

CALS Curriculum Committee:

Alan Grant reported for Dave Winston.

- Two meetings since the last governance meeting – March 16th and April 13th
- Approved two new graduate course proposals
 - One in CSES
 - One in PPWS
- Two new undergraduate courses approved
 - HNFE
 - Ag Tech
- Two revised undergraduate courses approved
 - FST
 - ALS
- Committee recommended approval of revised undergraduate check sheets for DS
- Dave Winston was reelected to serve as chair for 2018-19
- Next meeting will be in the fall semester

Committee on Extension and Research Program Policy:

No report

Committee on International Program Policy:

No report but have met

CALS Diversity Council:

No report but have appointed a new AREC member and sent out an email requesting nominations for awards

CALS Library Update:

No report

Updates from Dean and Associate Deans:

Academic Programs

Alan Grant reported for Susan Sumner

- Thank you for being a part of the spring 2018 academic endeavors.
- Please remind people that final grades are due Friday by 5 pm.
- Commencement, May 11 at noon. We have 815 students participating in the ceremony.

Incoming class for fall 2018:

- Our target number for freshmen is 543. We are at 566 so we should make the 543 September target. Last day to accept was May 1. However, they did make 50 more offers from students on our waitlist.
- Transfer students can still accept their offer. Target is 125.
- Agricultural technology students can still accept an offer. Target is 65.

Research

Saied Mostaghimi reported.

- Cyber Biosecurity issue
 - Provided Seed funding to two groups
 - Groups notified
 - Encouraging more collaborations, not only from CALS but from Computer Science, College of Engineering,
- ANR Summit
 - Successful
 - Over 100 from VT , industry, and commodity groups
 - Finalizing summary report
 - Discussing next steps
- AREC Tours
 - Next week
 - Faculty/administrators visiting four ARECs
 - Tour ending at Field Day in Eastern Virginia
- George Washington Carver Program
 - Dr. Randy Grayson retiring July 1st
 - Identifying new director
 - Program currently serves approximately 25 students, both masters and doctorates; goal is 30

Virginia Cooperative Extension

Ed Jones reported.

- Next week is the Virginia Extension Service Association meeting in Petersburg
 - Awards to be given
- Dan Goerlich will be hooded this afternoon during Graduate Commencement

Cathy Sutphin reported.

- Higher Education Conversations was hosted here two weeks ago
 - Went very well

Dean

Alan Grant reported.

- New SPES (School of Plant and Environmental Sciences) director
 - Dr. Michael Evans started on April 16th
- Two department head searches; national and international searches
 - ALCE
 - Dr. Rick Rudd will be stepping down at the end of 2018
 - Dr. Matt Holt is chairing the search committee
 - HNFE
 - Dr. Matt Hulver will be stepping down once a successor has been hired
 - Dr. Joe Marcy is chairing the search committee

CALS International Programs (CALS Global)

Ben Grove reported.

- Tom Thompson is at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem this week on developing research collaborations
- Hosted the dean of faculty research from the Hebrew University a month ago
- Will visit the Farm School of Greece; long term study abroad partners
 - Expanding student engagement opportunities
- Global Opportunity Initiative travel grants, June 8-22, faculty members travel to Kenya
 - Two weeks of instruction time
 - Research collaboration
- Met with undergraduate advisors to discuss study abroad options

VCE side

- Two extension agents are in Senegal to expand on-going projects
- Started an International Programs Strategic Working Group for VCE
 - Formalizing/institutionalizing our international efforts within VCE

Announcements

Old Guard will be on campus next week, May 16th-18th

A motion was made to adjourn by Saied Mostaghimi and Mike Lambur.

Crystal Tawney, Recorder