

**CALS Governance Council Minutes**  
**November 28, 2017**  
**311 Latham Hall**

Susan Sumner called the meeting to order at 10:00am with a welcome to everyone.

**Council members present:** Sandra Gabbert, Shanan Sessor, Catherine Larochele, Susan Day, Isaac Magaña, Mary Christian, Brian Benham, Dan Goerlich, Zeke Barlow, Susan Duncan, Patrick Hilt, and Saied Mostaghimi

**Council members participating via phone:** Maria Balota, Teresa Vaughan, Margaret Kenny, and David Langston

**Approval of the Agenda:**

A motion was made to adopt the agenda.

**Approval of the Minutes**

A motion to approve with one change was made by Brian Benham and seconded by Dan Goerlich; approved.

**New Business:**

None

**Committee Reports:**

**Committee on Academic Program Policy:**

Susan Day reported for the committee.

- Meeting held on 11/7, upcoming meeting in February 2018
- Subcommittees established
  - Advising mentoring awards
  - Uneven teaching experiences for CALS graduate students
- Strategic approach to course offerings in Pathways
- Collegiate faculty in CALS – opportunities available, concerns
- Communicate to faculty in college – thru CALSFA or other?

**CALS Curriculum Committee:**

Susan Sumner reported for Dave Winston.

- Three meetings held this semester
- Proposals approved for:
  - Four new undergraduate courses
  - Nine new graduate courses
  - One revised graduate course
  - Chart below shows which department submitted

Department	Number of Proposals		
	New Undergraduate	New Graduate	Revised Graduate
AAEC	1		
ALS		1	
APSC		1	
DASC	1		
ENT		1	
HNFE	1	5	
HORT	1	1	
PPWS			1

- Last meeting is December 13<sup>th</sup>

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

Mike Lambur reported committee members are being finalized and will meet early in 2018.

**Committee on International Program Policy:**

Susan Sumner reported for Tom Thompson.

- Each department nominated individuals to serve on committee
- In the process of finalizing the committee positions

**CALS Diversity Council:**

Isaac Magaña reported for the council.

- 11/29 event
- 12/13 undergraduate (1<sup>st</sup> year students) event in Litton-Reaves from 4:30-6:30pm, “Surviving the Semester”
- Dr. Drake’s report on undergraduates and diversity
- No progress on Agriculture Extension Agent board
  - Susan Sumner reported the Dean and Associate Deans had discussed
  - Possible plaque replacing the current board
  - No estimated time for replacement
- Next meeting 12/14

**CALS Library Update:**

Inga Haugen was unable to attend and Susan Sumner presented her report.

- Onboarding of new people and new services
- Working with Altmetrics to create personas based on positions unique to CALS and CNRE
- Attended an eFARS meeting
  - Ways to teach eFARS
  - Set up training
  - Possible NLI credit

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

Susan Sumner reported for Alan Grant

- SPES interviews are being conducted with two remaining
- Thanked everyone for their work during the fall semester

### **Academic Programs**

Susan Sumner reported.

- Fall 2017 Undergraduate Commencement is December 21 at 10:30am
- Graduate Commencement is the same day at 2pm.
- Freshmen applications are due December 1 for the class starting fall 2018.
- New faculty orientation sponsored by CALS Leadership Team and CALSFA
  - Fall 2017-18 series began September 29<sup>th</sup>
    - Research session on October 27<sup>th</sup>
    - CALSIT session in November
    - Extension on December 1<sup>st</sup>
    - Academic programs on January 26, 2018
    - Service opportunities on February 23, 2018
    - Meet and greet with the Dean on March 23, 2018
    - College walking tour on April 27, 2018
    - AREC facilities tour May 15-17, 2018

### **Research**

Saied Mostaghimi reported.

- ESAREC – Bob Pitman retired
  - Two candidates to be interviewed on 12/1 and next week
- ANR Summit to be held in Short Pump in April
  - Enhance linkage to industry
  - Half day
  - 100-150 participants
  - Across 229 colleges
- OVPRI
  - OSP working to house a couple of faculty in our college to work closely with grant specialists
  - Provides more face time between our faculty and OSP
- Composting facility at Kentland
  - Consultant report expected in a week or two
  - Funding
  - \$1-2 million for facility
  - Discussion with dining services and Town of Blacksburg

### **Virginia Cooperative Extension**

No report

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

No report

**Alumni**

No report

**CALSSA**

No report

**Communications and Marketing**

Zeke Barlow reported there will be monthly training sessions regarding branding but also the CMS system. Faculty award are due December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Coffee with CALSFA will be on 11/30 from 11am-1pm in 1810 Litton Reaves

A motion was made to adjourn.

Crystal Tawney, Recorder