

CALS Governance Council Minutes  
November 18, 2013  
311 Latham Hall

Dean Grant called the meeting to order at 4:05pm with a welcome to everyone.

Council members present: Dan Goerlich, Matt Schroeder, Jerzy Nowak, Dongmin Liu, Susan Hutson, Saied Mostaghimi, Mary Christian, Sean O'Keefe, Stephen Kleiber, Bobbie Potter, Pat Donovan, Vernon Meacham, Renee Boyer, Reese Voshell, Jamie Lucero, Bobby Grisso, Jody Jellison and Ed Jones.

Council members participating via phone: Mike Schwarz, Margaret Kenny, and Teresa Vaughan.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Renee Boyer made a motion to adopt the agenda; seconded by Pat Donovan; approved.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Mike Schwarz made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Jerzy Nowak; approved.

**Old Business:** None

**Committee Reports:**

Committee on Academic Program Policy: No Report. Announcements are below.

CALS Curriculum Committee:

Reese Voshell reported that the Curriculum Committee reviewed and approved with revisions 13 items.

5 new courses: AEE 5204, Evaluation of Extension and Outreach Programs; ENSC 4414, Monitoring and Analysis of the Environment; LDRS 4204, Ethical Leadership and Civic Engagement; CSES 4174, Soil Evaluation and Sampling; APSC 2164, Companion and Laboratory Animal Care and Handling; and APSC 4464, Companion and Laboratory Animal Health and Management.

1 revised course: APSC 3064, Companion and Laboratory Animal Science.

6 revised checksheets: 1 major: AEE Ag Science; 2 minors: APSC Checksheet – Minor – APSC and APSC Checksheet – Minor – APEQ.

3 options: APSC Checksheet – Production/Business Option; APSC Checksheet – Pre-Vet Option; and APSC Checksheet – Science Option.

1 course name change: LDRS 5544 Leading Teams through Community Change.

Committee on Extension and Research Program Policy: No Report.

Committee on International Program Policy:

Sean O'Keefe reported that there was a Study Abroad meeting and 30 students attended. They are working on a study abroad in Senegal over the break.

There is an MOU with Moscow State Agroengineering University and VT to promote cooperation in research, science and training, and mutual understanding in the sphere of technology, agriculture engineering and natural resources. An information session was held on October 14-15 and approximately 40 students attended.

The Dean's Forum on Global Engagement will be held March 25-27, 2014. The date for submission of the presentations has been extended. Dr. O'Keefe also distributed a handout on the event. A website is being developed with the help of the Communications/Marketing Office. The Board meets on Wednesday, November 20 to discuss the presentations and should have a decision by mid-December. Dr. Grant encouraged everyone to participate in the Forum in March.

**New Business:** None

**Updates from Dean and Associate Deans:**

Academic Programs

Dr. Grant reported for Dr. Sumner. The 2016 Undergraduate checksheets were distributed to the departments. If there are changes greater than 20%, please send them to Anna Taylor by November 28, 2013.

New majors/minors proposals are due by late January or early February.

The Certificate for Teaching Excellence call for nominations has been sent to the departments.

Virginia Cooperative Extension

Dr. Jones reported that the Winter Conference is scheduled for February 25-27, 2014.

The Specialists Forum was held on November 15, 2013 and the District Fall Conferences were held the last week of October, 2013.

Research

Saied Mostaghimi stated that the Fall AREC meeting was held recently. Collaborative grant proposals are due December 15. Also the notification of proposals for recruitment of graduate students will be sent soon.

## CALS

The search for Director of AHNR-IT is progressing. There are 4 candidates and Dr. Steve Blank is chairing the search committee.

Dr. Susan Hutson will step down at the end of the year from her position as Head of the Department of Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise. Dr. Grant thanked her for her leadership. A search for a new head is underway. Dr. Dave Gerrard is chairing the search committee and there are two candidates who will interview this week.

Dr. Grant toured the HABB1 building with BOV members today. It will open in a week and faculty members will be moving in December. The Open House is scheduled for March 21, 2014.

Site work for the first phase of the Dairy Relocation is already taking place at Kentland Farm. Phase II is in the planning stages.

Dr. Allen Harper, Director of the Tidewater Agricultural Research and Extension Center, has announced his retirement effective August 2014.

## **Announcements:**

Renee Boyer reported for Holly Scoggins that the Provost has charged the Faculty Association to seek nominations for Dr. Grant's five-year review. The policy states that the committee makeup is tenure/tenure track faculty but the Provost is opening it up to non-tenure track faculty too. The nominations are due by December 10 and the committee will meet with the Provost in January.

Mike Schwarz mentioned that VSAREC is collaborating with Zo-Opt, an Israeli aquaculture development group, to develop live feed products with the potential of opening a business in Virginia.

The Dean's Open Forum will be held on December 10 in Fralin Auditorium from 10:30am-12:00pm.

Jamie Lucero stated that the seminar by Dania Davy, Esq., entitled "Our Land, Our Lives – Land Loss and Black Farmers in North Carolina", is scheduled for tonight, November 18 at 7pm in Pamplin 2030.

The next Council meeting will be held in February 2014.

Bobbie Potter moved to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 4:20pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Sheila Norman, Recorder