

CALS Governance Council Minutes
September 29, 2015
311 Latham Hall

Dr. Grant called the meeting to order at 3:30pm with a welcome to everyone.

Council members present: Alan Grant, Susan Sumner, Sam Doak, Mary Marchant, Mike Lambur, Jerzy Nowak, Stephen Kleiber, Neal Vines, Isaac Magana, Vernon Meacham, Tommy Amal, Inga Haugen, Pat Donovan, Sandra Gabbert, Ben Tracy, Kumar Mallikarjunan, Chelsea Corkins, and Stephanie Slocum

Council members participating via phone: Maria Balota, David Langston, Nancy Stegon, and Margaret Kenny

Approval of the Agenda:

A motion was made by Jerzy Nowak to adopt the agenda; seconded by Mike Lambur; approved.

Approval of the Minutes

Mike Lambur made a motion to approve; seconded by Jerzy Nowak; approved.

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Committee on Academic Program Policy:

Mike Denbow was not present; however, Dr. Susan Sumner informed the group that the committee had not met yet.

CALS Curriculum Committee:

Ben Tracy reported the committee met on September 16th and had eight course proposals to review. Three courses from ALCE (related to Donna Westfall-Rudd's rhetoric teaching scholar course) were approved with edits. There were three courses from HNFE; one was approved with edits and the other two were tabled.

Committee on Extension and Research Program Policy:

Mike Lambur reported the committee will meet on October 6th. The first agenda item is discussion/development of peer Extension evaluation process. Brian Benham is leading a committee for P&T Extension Promotion and has a proposal drafted. A proposal will be presented to Dean Grant and the Governance Council in the near future. Mike was pleased to announce that the committee is almost fully staffed except for one position and a rotation schedule has been established.

Committee on International Program Policy:

Mary Marchant thanked Jerzy Nowak for taking notes at the September 18th meeting where there were two items that were discussed. 1) the new Global Safety & Risk Management Office and 2) international involvement from CALS students.

Randy Penson is the newly appointed Assistant Director, Global Safety & Risk Management and is located in the ORIED office. He has developed a new concept, Hokie Sentinel, to prepare and protect all VT travelers abroad. Training will take place on October 15th and 16th with one in the spring, before spring break. Notices of this training only went out to managers. The system is linked to the travel system and his office is notified when staff or faculty will be traveling abroad. However, he is concerned that students are not aware of this since students do not use the travel system.

Jerzy Nowak reported there is growth of student participation in faculty led study abroad programs as opposed to bilateral exchanges. In CALS, 80 undergrads studied abroad in 2014/15 academic year (67 faculty led); 81 in 2013/14. Total for the university 1,221 in 2014/15, 160 more over the year before (1,061), with bilateral exchange numbers shrinking and faculty-led growing.

Additionally Jerzy shared that they will be offering a new program in Brazil. He reported that The Academic Consultancy Training Course at Wageningen University in the Netherlands will see the first VT team participation during Summer Session I in 2016.

The Office of Global Education is hiring a development officer.

Updates from Dean and Associate Deans:

Academic Programs

The semester has started off well with only a few bumps. Census was taken on September 21st but official results haven't been released. Roughly 3200 students are being advised in CALS (582 in the freshman class and 137 transfer students) and Dr. Sumner feels this number will continue to increase in the future. Dr. Sumner encourages faculty participation with Curriculum Development.

Dr. Sumner asked for Isaac Magna to give a report on the Diversity Council. There are two upcoming events; October 7th will be the first CALS Diversity Showcase from 3-5pm. On October 8th at 5pm there will be "Crucial Culture Conversations" facilitated by Megan Siebel. A suggestion was offered to record the session.

Research

Dr. Mostaghimi wasn't present due to a national conference for the Ag Experiment Station Directors. Dean Grant reported that there was an Agency 229 meeting on September 28th that included representatives from Farm Bureau, Virginia AgriBusiness Council, and stakeholders at the VA State Fair. President Sands, Provost Rikakis, Dean Winistofer from the College of Natural Resources and Environment, and Dean Clarke from the College of Vet Med and others from Virginia Tech also attended. This was a positive meeting where Agency 229 challenges were discussed. Both Farm Bureau and

Virginia AgriBusiness Council appreciated having President Sands and Provost Rikakis in attendance.

Dean Grant offered the following CALS news and updates.

1. Dr. Glenda Gillaspay began as the new department head of Biochemistry on September 25th as Dr. Peter Kennelly has stepped down.
2. Dr. Boris Vinatzer will be the interim department head for PPWS beginning October 1st until the new SPES is established and a department head selected.
3. Dr. Tim Kring a professor of Entomology from the University of Arkansas has accepted the position of department head for Entomology beginning January 1st. In the meantime, Dr. Scott Salom will be serving as the interim again, replacing Dr. Loke Kok who has been with the department since 1972.
4. New faculty orientation for CALS was held on September 23rd with seven new faculty members attending. Based on previous year's feedback a breakfast meeting with department heads was added this year. There was also a "speed meet" where the faculty members engaged in discussion with representatives from HR, Finance, Development, IT and the CALS Library Assistant.

Alumni

Jamie Cowell-Lucero wasn't present, so Dean Grant reported that there have been several successful alumni events. There was a joint event with Ohio State, which was the CALS Homecoming event with roughly about 300+ guests in attendance. There was also a joint event held prior to the Purdue – VT football game in Indiana where about 150 people attended.

Development

Vernon Meacham recently attended a goal setting meeting with Charlie Phlegar, Vice President for Advancement, and directors of development from other colleges and programs. They were discussing an upcoming capital campaign.

Virginia Cooperative Extension

Dr. Jones wasn't present however; Mike Lambur reported there was a nice showing of people at the VA State Fair last week and that this past Sunday (9/27) was Extension Day at the fair.

CALS

The next Council meeting will be Thursday, December 3, 2015, from 9-10am in 311 Latham Hall.

A motion was made by Kumar Mallikarjunan to adjourn and seconded by Dr. Susan Sumner; approved to adjourn the meeting.

Stephanie Slocum and Crystal Tawney, Records