

CALS Faculty Association Executive Committee Meeting

January 19, 1999

Present: Alscher, Bevan, Chevone, Duncan, Eversole, Foy, Geyer, Hetzel, Kennelly, Marcy, Reaves, Swiger, Vaughan, Mack (guest)

I. Speakers

Dean Swiger introduced Tim Mack, the new Director of Distance Education. Mack shared his thoughts concerning the position and where CALS is heading in the distance education area. He provided details on staffing, budget, and future direction. He then entertained questions.

Dean Swiger provided information on budget amendments: \$760,000 for the Plan to Serve Virginia Agriculture, \$3.95 million for Dairy Center Construction, and \$468,000 in additional planning money for the ag/forestry building. A proposal has been made to make soil testing free.

II. Votes

Votes were taken so that Geyer could make recommendations to the Dean for representation on the following committees: extension director search, UDP selection, and department heads evaluation.

III. Candidates

Members were encouraged to attend the next two interviews for the AREC director position. The question was raised as to the role of the executive committee in discussion of the candidates. Geyer agreed to check with Dean Swiger about desired feedback.

IV. Commission Reports

Kennelly reported from the Commission on Faculty Affairs. Staff Affairs is working to find funding for tuition.

A resolution has been presented to the University Commission on Graduate Studies to look at the intellectual property rights associated with ETD. As it now stands, copyright is given solely to the student.

V. Senate Report

Chevone reported on the senate meeting at the Math Emporium. Approximately 7,000 students from 5 or 6 courses utilize the advanced computing lab. There is some question about use by other departments.

Geyer reported that the math department had sought input from other departments regarding the Math Emporium.

VI. Other Business

Future meeting dates were reported:

February 18, 4PM, Dr. David Ford, 102 Fralin

April 6, 4PM, Dr. S.K. DeDatta, 102 Fralin

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie Watts Reaves