

CALS Faculty Association Executive Committee Meeting

November 12, 1998

Present: Bevan, Chevone, Duncan, Eversole, Foy, Geyer, Hetzel, Marcy, Reaves

IA. Minutes

Minutes of the September 10 meeting will be forthcoming electronically.

IB. Meetings for Spring 1999

Spring semester meetings will take place on Wednesdays at 11 am.

IC. Program

The faculty picnic was a success. Appreciation was expressed to Dan Eversole and Peter Kennelly for their efforts and to the Food Science and Technology Department for the use of their grounds. It was suggested that this might become an annual event.

Bob Cannells presentation to the Faculty Association went well. He will now remain at Tech for almost another year.

Dan Eversole is making plans for programs for the spring semester. Potential meeting dates are February 16 or 23 and April 6 or 8.

II. Dean Swiger Review

Mark Alley is chairing the review committee. Faculty are encouraged to participate, including answering a survey.

III. University Budget Report: Dan Eversole

The executive budget request for the next biennium for all states schools is \$221 million, with Techs share at \$40 million. The budget request and a list of amendments was shared. Undergraduate and graduate student charges were discussed. Tech has the third highest tuition and fees in the state, behind UVA and VMI. When room and board are included, Tech has the lowest total fees.

It was suggested that faculty do a better job of providing information to constituents about accomplishments. Leon Geyer agreed to obtain an update from Dean Swiger about a unified public relations and marketing effort.

IV. Staff Association: Tuition Benefits for Faculty and Staff

Support is requested for tuition benefits. Many land-grants offer these benefits.

V. Commission Reports

Chester Foy reported that the internationalization of the curriculum report was well-received.

VI. Senate Reports

David Bevan reported on Provost Meszaros presentation to the Senate.

The Senate voted to support a resolution from the Virginia Faculty Association that faculty members on Boards of Visitors be voting members.

President Torgerson will speak at a future meeting. Leon Geyer requested a substitute for the next two Senate meetings.

VII. AGNIS & Computer Support

A copy of the proposed AGNIS position description was shared. A number of questions were raised:

What is AGNIS and where is it going?

Does 75% of AGNIS funding generate from Extension funds?

Is AGNIS meeting faculty needs?

What is AGNIS responsibility to research and teaching?

How many people are in AGNIS and what are their roles?

A survey last year indicated that the number one problem for faculty was a lack of technical computer assistance at the departmental level.

Additional detail was requested on the mission of AGNIS in the current environment, make-up of the oversight body, AGNIS product, delivery of that product, AGNIS impact, and the number of FTEs involved. It was suggested that the faculty provide specific ideas to the Dean about what faculty would like to see AGNIS do.

VIII. Other Business

Glenn Hetzel reported on a seminar by CAVE personnel. The CAVE can no longer offer free tours. There is a move to have the Dean contribute to a fund that faculty could draw upon to utilize the facility.

Respectfully submitted,

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