

## CALS Faculty Association Executive Committee Meeting

March 17, 1999 11AM

Present: Foy, Geyer, Kennelly, Marcy, McDaniel, Reaves, Swiger

### I. CALSFA Mission and Purpose

The mission was shared: "The purpose of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Faculty Association (CALSFA) is to foster the involvement of faculty in College and University affairs and decision making. All CALS faculty are strongly encouraged to belong to the CALSFA."

Upcoming meetings were announced. David Ford will speak on February 18 at 4PM in Hutcheson 209, presenting the topic, "Student Demographics: Past, Present, and Future." S.K. De Datta will present on April 6 at 4PM in 102 Fralin. The Association will provide refreshments.

### II. Elections

Two senators are retiring and elections are tentatively scheduled for the end of March. Geyer will check the constitution to determine the make-up of the nominating committee. He will also check last years election report to determine if the committee has been elected. Geyer encouraged Senate leadership in the college.

### III. Conversation about AREC Director Candidates

Input was provided to the Dean on the three candidates for AREC director. The importance of having a presence in Richmond and Washington was discussed. The Association felt no need to make a formal statement, as the Dean was receptive to verbal comments and feedback.

### IV. Budget Update

Dean Swiger presented a budget update. The expectation was to receive \$760,000 to fund the Plan to Serve, but the amount was significantly lower in both the House and Senate. Some \$456,000 of planning dollars was approved, but \$256,000 was non-general funds. The summer minority program and tobacco received \$100,000 each. Another \$150,000 was approved so that the university could stop charging for soil samples (not requested by the university). The \$75,000 for an Agricultural Governors School was not funded.

### V. AGNIS Board

Dave Bevan and Jim Pease will be recommended for the AGNIS Board. Faculty representation on the Board is critical.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie Watts Reaves