

Minutes

CALS Faculty Association Executive Committee Meeting
October 20, 2005, 104 Hutcheson Hall

Members present

Holly Scoggins, Dave Bevan, Joe Eifert, Peter Kennelly, Jim Pease, Ron Lewis, Sue Puffenbarger, Doug Pfeiffer

Approval of agenda

The Executive Committee convened at 12:30 pm in 104 Hutcheson Hall. The agenda was approved with one item added.

Old business

- 1) Fall picnic - members who attended generally thought the effort was successful, but there was concern that too many students attend
- 2) Meeting of CALSFA Officers with Department Heads - H. Scoggins summarized the meeting that she attended with J. Eifert on 9/23/05

New business

- 1) CALS faculty issues survey - Paper copies of the results (22 responses) were distributed and briefly discussed. Discussion of extending the survey response period and for only making results available to dues-paying CALSFA members.
- 2) Classroom renovations (with reduction in capacity) situation - P. Kennelly presented the latest proposal for campus renovation of 17 classrooms. Proposal would reduce capacity of these rooms by an average of 32%. Discussion focused on which individuals are on this committee and if they are teaching faculty or classroom users. The Provost website has information on this effort.
- 3) CALSFA nominee for CALS P&T committee - suggested nominees (Sue Tolin and Janet Rankin) will be contacted by H. Scoggins
- 4) Election of V.P. to replace Ruby Cox - Dave Bevan will contact HNFE for a suggestion
- 5) CALSFA reps requested to take candidates for Assoc. Dean and Dir. of Academic Programs to breakfast at the Inn at Virginia Tech during 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. on the following dates: Oct. 25 with Mike Ellerbrock, Oct. 27 with John Halstead, Nov. 1 with Mary Marchant, Nov. 3 with Jim McKenna
- 6) Schedule dates/times for Spring semester CALSFA Exec. Comm. Meetings - H. Scoggins asked CALSFA Executive Committee to send her meeting time availability for the spring semester.
- 7) Discussion of plan to end peer review of Extension publications. Concern expressed that this

would lessen the value of these publications for the P & T process. Also, members questioned the value of joining the "eXtension" effort.

8) Discussion of the eFARS system for online annual reporting. Members who had tried the program suggested that faculty start early (earlier) on their reports and consider taking the training sessions that are offered.

Committee Reports

None presented.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

The next meeting is November 17 at 11 a.m.

Submitted 11/4/05 by Joe Eifert, CALSFA Secretary/Treasurer for 2005-06