

MINUTES
CALS Faculty Association Executive Committee Meeting

07 February 2008
104 Hutcheson Hall

Members Present

The meeting convened at 09:00 AM. In attendance were Bill Barbeau, Joe Eifert, Doug Pfeiffer, and Erik Ervin.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with no discussion.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the 21 Dec. meeting were not approved as they had not been prepared.

Treasurer's report

No new members were gained since the last meeting. Savings account balance is \$855.60, while checking balance is \$935.71.

New Business

We have decided to invite the following speakers for our spring program on "extramural funding approaches":

Dean Quisenberry: opening remarks and funding context

Bruno Sobral: VBI and cross-discipline collaborations to score big at the federal level

OIRE speaker: gaining International program funding

Joe Marcy: working with Industry

Susan Duncan: gaining federal/state training grants

The program will be held in Wallace Hall from 12:15 to 3, with cold-cuts lunch provided on March 27.

Update from Dean Quisenberry

A hiring freeze was just announced by Gov. Kaine, most likely accompanied by larger budget cuts. More details will become available after Feb 21. Cuts in CALS will not be across the board, but will be strategic based on cluster and strategic plan priorities. Faculty positions will be protected as will high priority Extension areas and our undergraduate and graduate teaching programs. No early retirements or buy-outs will be offered.

We have been very successful as faculty over the last six years with extramural funding doubling, 600 more undergraduates, and a doubling of graduate students. We are all doing our jobs well and our funding is still being cut by the state. She is committed to working with faculty to preserve the progress that has been made.

Senate Report

No senate report

Old Business

None

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Next meeting date is February 28, 2008.

Submitted 08 February 2008 by Erik Ervin, CALSFA Secretary/Treasurer for 2007-08.