

**MINUTES**  
**CALS Faculty Association Executive Committee Meeting**

**07 September 2007**  
104 Hutcheson Hall

**Members Present**

The meeting convened at 08:30 AM. In attendance were Bill Barbeau, Scott Salom, Joe Eifert, Erik Ervin and Doug Pfeiffer, with Lou Gore by phone. We were joined at 09:00 by Dean Sharron Quisenberry.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with no discussion.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of the 27 April 2007 CALSFA meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer's report**

There are 6 paid members for the 07-08 academic year. Checking balance is \$833.11, savings balance is \$581.34. Two checks of \$100 each were written to the Sylvie Couture-Nowak Educational fund in memory of Jocelyn Couture-Nowak and to the Kevin Granata Memorial Trust. Thank-you cards from both families were received.

**Secretary's report**

The CALS Faculty email list is being updated to add faculty who have joined the college in the last year. This list will be used to encourage faculty to join the association this fall.

**Update from Dean Quisenberry**

Dean Quisenberry laid out the budget cut situation from the state. There will be 2.5% cuts in FY07-08, rising to 5% in FY08-09 and continued at 5% through FY09-10. VT has until Sept 10 to send draft budget cut plan to the state, with detailed revisions due by early October. There will still be regularly scheduled faculty salary increases this year. Her goal is to maintain faculty positions, not offer ASOs; hiring in some cluster areas will continue, while some programs not conforming closely to CALS strategic plan may see some cuts. The Dean stressed that we must maintain excellence during these budget cuts by cutting program overlaps and tightening priorities. One money-raising strategy being considered is a student tuition fee of about \$30/semester that would raise approximately \$1.6 million per year and be used for improving classrooms and other teaching facilities. Other cost-cutting options being explored are moving more faculty to 9-month rather than 12-month appointments and the idea of department consolidations.

**Senate Report**

No senate report

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Salom suggested to the Dean that CALS Faculty award winners be invited to the Dean's box for one football game per year as a way of recognizing their achievement and promoting their interaction with supporters and stakeholders. Sharron liked the idea and its implementation is being pursued.

To encourage membership growth and CALSFA participation it was suggested that we host a VA wine-tasting event at the Hahn Horticulture Pavilion sometime between Oct. 12 and Nov. 2.

**Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Next meeting dates are Oct. 12 and Nov. 2.

Submitted 19 September 2007 by Erik Ervin, CALSFA Secretary/Treasurer for 2007-08.