

## **CALSFA Meeting Minutes for January 24, 2012.**

Attendees: Dean Alan Grant (guest), Susan Sumner (guest), Saied Mostaghimi (guest), Joe Guthrie, Holly Scoggins, Erik Ervin and Achla Marathe

The meeting started at 9am.

The major agenda of discussion was the revival of governance council and committees. It was decided that the Dean would call a meeting of the governance council. The council will meet and decide if the committees need to be restructured as well as how they should be populated if the listed members cannot serve the current term. CALS-FA will help populate the committees if the council needs help. It is necessary for the council to meet first because without a functioning council no changes can be made/approved to the structure of the committees. The information on the membership of the committees appeared outdated. Holly and Erik agreed to provide more updated information on the memberships to Shiela.

### **Update from the Dean:**

Dean Grant said that the working groups for *Statregic Planning* have been formed. The new *Insights* will provide an update on the groups and memberships. The working groups will hold listening sessions with the stakeholders. The CALS strategic plan will be aligned with the university strategic plan. In March we expect to see a draft of the plan.

AgEcon Head search is complete. Dr. Steve Blank has accepted the offer and will start work from April 1 2012.

Department heads will have a retreat in late February. That meeting will add to the strategic plan input. AREC directors will be involved as well.

### **Other meeting items:**

Joe confirmed the seminar and the invited speaker for March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:30-1 at the VBI auditorium. The plan is to have a 45 minutes seminar and 45 minutes lunch afterwards. The lunch will include water, coke, diet coke, chips, sandwiches and cookies ordered through the South Main Kroger. The food will be ordered for about 50 people even though we expect fewer than 50 to show up. Achla will help order the food. She should talk to Renee and ask for helpful pointers on this. Achla will also arrange for cups, plates, napkins, ice and a small cooler.

Holly mentioned an AHNR- IT support and CALS media people will start helping with the CALS-FA website. It may be March when the help arrives.

Joe reported that the book drive is going well and he is going to send a reminder mail to the CALS listserv regarding this since there is still space left for more books on the

shipping container. Joe will also write a mail to the CALS listserv regarding all the CALS-FA events (seminar, governance, dues etc.) that CALS-FA members were supposed to discuss in person. This will ensure that all faculty members get to hear about the spring events.

The meeting ended at 10:05am.