**CALSFA**

Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2021

1. Call to order at 9:02am via Zoom
   1. Attendees: Jennifer Jones, Ryan Stewart, John Galbraith, Travis Mountain, Sean O'Keefe, Alan Grant
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes
   1. Minutes will be approved after edits.

1. Dean’s update
   1. Budget for 229 under consideration - multiyear request to support people, programs, technology etc. So far good news. General assembly is in session, there are budget amendments that are being considered. It will be a while before we will hear. The assembly may consider funding whole works in the first year or may do multi-year funding. Communications and marketing have done great job in Richmond.
   2. Faculty searches will be moving forward for some searches - working with unit leaders over the next couple of weeks.
   3. Evaluated awards in the college and may add a team award for the college. Recognize and award successful teams for this. May be delayed - normal awards due date after March 1. Also, don't have an international award at the college level. So, considering adding international and teaching awards at the college level. Q: 208 side of the budget .... VT handles 208. Some searches may go forward as soon as 208 clarity occurs. Normal cycle in the fall assuming the budget looks OK. Q: Are positions related to smart farm. Yes........ there are some positions that will be part of Phase 1 for smart farm and a number for phase 2. Commencement discussions are underway. Leaning towards virtual commencement. Will probably see announcement in daily news. Something beyond virtual hooding.
2. Treasurer’s report
   1. Balance $4986.06. No change this month.
3. Old Business
   1. Elements EFARS workshop was well attended, close to 150. Informal Q&A. A lot of confusion from feedback. CALS HR and other places. The procedure was different but some people liked being able to edit the final document.
   2. CALS sponsored speaker. John Reached out to Ohio State speaker Dr. Rattan Lal to give virtual talk. I can make 20-30 minutes with slides then answer questions for 10-15 minutes. Prefer to do a synchronous online. We will try for April 6 since that is a Spring break day. Mid-morning. Will check on his honorarium.
   3. Spring Social. Virtual or wait. May need to wait and see how things work out. In March we will have a better sense on how things are going.
4. New business
   1. CALSFA representative on the senate. Want seated for the fall. Somebody on the board. Should it be a CALSFA member? Normally a 3-year term. Better to have somebody for the full 3 years? Maybe have the past president and a one-year term. May bring it to governance committee so it isn't a CALSFA voting themselves a "cushy position". Intent is to create a stronger association between senate and CALSFA .. so we might have to have a new position or invite them to all meetings. Establishment of new position would require putting into the bylaws. Add the positional requirements to the job description. Revise bylaws and discuss next time. Put on the agenda for April. That way we can bring to governance council. Can bring it up and get their feedback.
5. Meeting Adjourned at 9:42am

Next meeting: March 9, 2021 at 9:00. Same zoom link would be used for all meetings.