

## **CALS Faculty Association Executive Committee Meeting**

October 11, 1995

**Attendees:** Purcell, McKenna, Bosch, Hatzios, Denbow, Fell, Ravlin, Marriott

### **CALSFA Executive Committee Meeting Dates**

The Executive Committee will meet every second Wednesday of the month at 11:00 in 206 Sandy unless otherwise notified.

### **Minutes, Secretary/Treasurer Report - Ravlin**

The CALSFA account has \$1,5?? after paying for the last faculty reception. The call for dues will go out very soon.

### **A CALSFA World Wide Web Homepage - Ravlin**

Bill Ravlin presented a draft of the [CALSFA World Wide Web homepage](#). The purposes of the homepage are to:

1. Capture all important documents in one location (e.g., the College Governance documents)
2. Increase communication within the CALS faculty and between the CALSFA.
3. Serve as a mechanism to tie CALSFA activities and issues to University groups such as the Faculty Senate.

The homepage will contain documents and information associated with CALSFA activities. The following major categories were presented:

- Purpose, Accomplishments, and Activities of the Association
- The 1995-1996 CALSFA Program
- Governance and Bylaws Documents
- A Directory of CALSFA officers, Commission Chairs, and Faculty Senators including e-mail links
- Faculty Affairs including a link to the Faculty Handbook maintained by the University
- Issues Forum
- Meeting Minutes
- Links to the American Association of University Professors (AAUP)

The [CALSFA homepage](#) should be available within one week (the URL will be posted on the listserv) and Bill Ravlin (ravlin@vt.edu) would like input on its contents.

**Update on plans for input to the College administration on "information technology" for the CALS - Purcell**

The discussion centered on the process used to select an information technology coordinator. All members of the Executive Committee felt that because these activities will affect the entire College that the faculty should be actively involved. To date no information has been disseminated to the faculty. There was unanimous agreement that the CALS faculty should have the opportunity to have input into the selection of a program coordinator, the program planning process, and program implementation. Wayne Purcell will meet with Dean Swiger next week to discuss this issue.

### **Temporary representative (this semester) to serve on the University Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies for Don Mullins.**

President Purcell requested that Mike Denbow (Chair, College something?) select a representative from his commission.

### **Marketing the College**

The CALSFA will meet with Stewart MacInnis, the College public relations specialist to discuss a CALS marketing strategy. Wayne Purcell will set up a meeting to do so.

### **Reflections on CALSFA Meeting with the Provost**

All officers and chairs felt that the meeting with Provost Meszaros was positive but were disappointed at the poor faculty turnout. There seems to be an extreme degree of apathy toward faculty affairs and that steps should be taken to encourage participation by all CALS faculty. It was noted that most department heads and administrators did not participate. The next program will feature Dr. Cannell and a presentation of the Resource Allocation plan. Every effort will be made to advertise the program and to encourage participation. Dr. Purcell will see if he can meet with Department Heads to solicit their help.

### **Commission Reports**

Commission on Academic Program Policies - Mike Denbow Mike Denbow presented the basic ideas behind the proposed Arts and Sciences MS/BS, 5-year degree. More information will be forthcoming.

Dr. Denbow also mentioned that there will be new format for course proposals and that no courses will be able to be put on 15-day review after April 1.

### **Faculty Senate**

Rick Fell mentioned that a "post-tenure" review process document will be distributed soon.