

CALS FACULTY ASSOCIATION
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 3, 1999
113E Engel Hall

Members Present: Drs. C. Larry Foy, John Hillison, Peter Kennelly, Alan McDaniel, Leon Geyer, Dan Eversole, Susan Duncan, Don Mullins and Dean Swiger.

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:20 PM by Dan Eversole, President of the CALS Association and the members present were asked to introduce themselves.
2. The minutes of the April 26, 1999 meeting were not available.
3. The past Secretary-Treasurer, Dixie Reeves and Don Mullins have not yet met to transfer the CALS Faculty Association financial records. The treasury has a current balance of \$1,544.94 which includes the dues from 50 CALS faculty last year. There was some discussion of the CALS Faculty Association membership dues. Traditionally, a \$5.00 is requested annually from CALS Faculty. The funds collected are used to support CALS activities. In the past, a major expense was associated with mailing information to the faculty. However, with the advent of e-mail and list services the communication expenses have declined. There was some discussion regarding continuation of a request for dues. Out of 250 faculty, only about 60 contribute dues to the Association. It was decided that we should continue to request a \$5.00 fee from the faculty to support our activities such as the Fall picnic. Don Mullins will send out a request for dues using the CALS Faculty Listserve.
4. Dr. Swiger provided an update on administrative affairs in the College:

Student fall convocation was held the previous Saturday. Each college was represented by an administrator and a student from each college was featured. Johnny Davis from CALS did a masterful job in representing our College. A picnic was held for the student on Sunday and was quite successful.

The University is continuing to work towards getting resources from the General Assembly. It appears to be a good coordinated effort .

The University is examining the role of extension and what it should be doing. There is a proposal to form a school of outreach. An administrative position would be associated with this administrative unit and the Director of Distance Education would report to the proposed position.

The search for the Associate Dean of Virginia Cooperative Extension has been going well. When the final interview is completed, the CALS Executive Committee will meet to discuss the candidates. That meeting was scheduled for 1:30 PM, September 17, after the CALS Faculty Association Picnic.

5. Current Officers, Commission of Chairs, and Senators: Dan Eversole provided a tentative list of the CALS 1999 Current Officers, Commission Chairs and Faculty Senators. This list did not contain the latest revisions. Therefore the Executive Committee was asked to examine a new list that will be circulated the following week.

6. Constitution and By -Laws: Dan Eversole distributed copies of the CALS Faculty Association Constitution and the By-Laws. The Executive Committee was asked to review these documents for our information and to determine whether there is a need for revisions.

7. CALS Promotion and Tenure Committee: Appointment of a Member-at-Large. The P & T Committee is comprised of representative from each department in the college, and a representative from the Agriculture Research and Extension Centers. In addition, a Member-at-Large is appointed by the CALS Faculty Association Executive Committee. After brief discussion the Executive Committee Appointed Susan Duncan to serve in this capacity.

8. Strategic Budgeting and Planning Committee: Dan Eversole and Peter Kennelly reported on some of the Universitys Strategic Budgeting and Planning Committee discussions. There is some concern over the direction that government task forces are probing. Some of the items being examined are performance assessment models and block funding. It is the intent of some of the governance representative to cut out separate bargaining procedures that currently exit in budget development.

9. Fall Picnic: Dan reported that there were currently 36 respondents who plan on attending the CALS Faculty Association Picnic. It will be held September 17. Reservations are due by Wednesday, September 8. The cost will be about \$ 4.00 per person.

10. Planning of the General Meeting. Dan led a brief discussion on planning the Fall CALS Faculty Association Meetings. Suggested speakers could include (1) Agriculture College Deans from adjoining states and experiment stations, and (2) someone to speak on biotechnology.

11. Commission Reports: There were no reports on the CALS Commissions, because none have met this semester.

12. Senate Activity: Leon Geyer and Larry Foy summarized the first Faculty Senate Meeting. The first meeting was held this year at the German Club (dinner meeting).

Some information was provided regarding the University President Search. The Faculty Senators would like to provide some input in the selection process. There is a report available from the State Faculty Senate Association. Leon will provide the minutes of their most recent meeting.

13. The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 1999 from 1:15 to 2:30 PM

14. This meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Don Mullins, Secretary/Treasurer.

Approved: 10-8-1999