

CALSFA Executive Meeting Minutes December 19, 2002 meeting

Grayson Library, 305 Price Hall

Members Attending: Dave Bevan, Joe Marcy, Don Mullins, Carlyle Brewster, Frank Gwazdauskas, Dixie Reaves, Brad Mills, and Dean Andy Swiger

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 AM, Don Mullins presiding. Donuts were made available to the Committee.

Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the November meeting were approved. One correction was requested: under Faculty Senate Report, Council should be changed to Commission [on Diversity].

Treasurers Report

Checking Account Balance as of 12/19/02 was \$401.50, total shares as of as of 11/30/02 was \$600.95 for a balance of \$1002.45. The committee agreed to pay for Dean Swigers retirement gift.

Deans Report

Dean Swiger shared some parting thoughts [off the record at his request] on the budget and the future of agriculture at the university and state level. He emphasized the importance of faculty as a major force at the University, urged us to remain engaged in the political and decision making process, and expressed his appreciation of the Executive Committee.

Other Business

Director of VCE and Assoc. Dean of CALS Interview Process: Don will be out of town so Dave will send notices asking for participants in the on-campus interview. Dixie noted that its very helpful continuity-wise if the same people can attend both individuals interviews.

Promotion and Tenure Issues: Concern was expressed about University-level P&T representation with the impending retirement of Dean Swiger. Greg Brown will be acting representative.

Program Planning: No action to report.

Dean Search Committee: No action to report.

Committee Reports

Faculty Senate: Frank reported discussion regarding the Big East Faculty Association joining the Big Ten in condemning weekday football games as a substantial disruption to academic achievement [i.e. students going to classes]. There was also discussion as to hiring a lobbyist to promote faculty ideals independent of administration, noting faculty objectives are not necessarily the same as those of administrators.

Committee on Academic Program Policy No action to report.

Committee on International Program Policy. No action to report.

Committee on Research and Extension Program Policy. Brad Mills reported CALS council put forth the plan to reinstate laboratory support services. They still need documentation, whether concrete or anecdotal, of potential cost savings.

New Business.

Addition of HNFE to CALS: Since the department of Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise is now joined with FS&T, they should be represented in the CALS governance system. They could send their faculty senate rep or the dept. could suggest another participant.

AAE/Econ Merger: Dixie resported that subcommittees in each department were exploring various coordination/merger scenarios. She reiterated that they needed to be pro-active in the spirit of cooperation or the programs would be forced to come together. Ag Econ was developing a position statement and it was suggested that the CALSFA Executive Committee could draft a letter in support of this position. Don suggested a unilateral letter to the President and or Provost emphasizing the importance of Ag Econ dept. to all departments, disciplines, and commodities represented in CALS.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.