

Minutes
CALS Faculty Association
104F Hutchison
January 20, 2005, 1:00-2:00 PM

Members present: David Bevan, Joe Marcy, Dean Quisenberry, Ruby Cox, Jim Pease, Scott Salom, Bobby Grisso, Holly Scoggins

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by President Bevan.

Agenda Approved by Committee

Dean's Report on the College:

- John Hess named interim Associate Dean of Instruction. Full search for a new Associate Dean take place within the near future
- Faculty Evaluations due soon, end of month; separate from salary discussions; reports plus trends will be used together; the process is evolving; include narratives in reports
- Jim Pease asked to please change name of electronic faculty reporting program called "FEARS"
- CALS will be involved in the discussion about any changes in overhead distribution by the University
- Graduate School support for tuition will be ending to support new assistantships.
- CALS Council role and future meetings discussed. Has to be relevant to continue

Old Business

- Lifetime Membership discussion. Those near retirement. Contribute \$100 toward the scholarship and remain on the mailing list and be a member of the Association for as long as that person wants. The Exec will call for a vote at the next meeting.
- VESA Representation on CALSFA? Possibility of having an ex-officio member of CALSFA from VESA.

New Business

- Extension agents (VT employees) daily commute issue - liability and reimbursement. Employee is not covered when traveling for the commute miles associated with that employee.
- Representation on University Council (Governing Body of University). Peter Kennelly term is terminating. Will not replace in advance because he is Department Head as of 1/18/05
- Orientation of new faculty in CALS. Not much movement on this yet.
- Spring Open Forum. When to meet? Karen Depauw is tentatively scheduled

Minutes from Previous Meeting Approved

Senate Report by Jim Pease

- Donaldson Brown Center is closing at the end of the semester and will be renovated. When renovated it will be called Graduate Life Center at Donaldson Brown; Housing for 80 graduate students (not families). Long-term vision is a Graduate Village

· Dean Depauw looking into the establishment of Graduate Student Faculty, as at other Universities. Criteria considered: record of achievement, appropriate terminal degree, involvement with graduate students

Meeting Adjourned