

Minutes

CALS Faculty Association Executive Committee Meeting
October 11, 2006 104 Hutcheson Hall

Members Present

Scott Salom, Leon Geyer, Joe Eifert, and Doug Pfeiffer (Mike Roberts (pres staff assoc.) by phone) convened at 2:30 am, joined by Dean Sharron Quisenberry.

Update from Dean

Dean Quisenberry reported that a series of faculty dinners was started last night, each dinner to include faculty from mixed departments. There was an open discussion lasting about an hour, providing a valuable exchange of ideas. The dean met with Unit Administrators last week, discussing consistency on writing bench marks, impact statements and objectives. The administrators also discussed their role in marketing and communications. Scott Salom raised idea of instituting a "Dean Chat", an on-line moderated discussion. This would be password protected, using a faculty member's PID etc. The dean reported that fund-raising is going well this year. Roberts asked about feasibility of directed giving for specific parts of state; dean said this can be done, recommending a call to Max Bales, director of development.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with no discussion

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Sep 21, 2006 CALSFA meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Doug Pfeiffer reported that the Association checking account has a balance of \$1000.30 and the savings account balance is \$576.08, according to the credit union statement of 30 September. The actual current balance for the checking account is \$1,274.86. He has updated the CALS faculty list using CALS listserv (364 members of faculty; 60 paid into CALSFA),

Committee Reports

Senate Report

Pfeiffer reported on some current areas of discussion at Faculty Senate, with additional comments by Leon Geyer. At the last meeting of the Senate, there was a report by Faculty Review Committee and the Reconciliation Committee. Areas of current focus include development of a faculty club, progress in effecting salary changes, a preliminary report on P&T survey (with a request from Pfeiffer to please encourage response by the deadline tomorrow), disaster preparedness, and a career path for instructors.

Old Business

- The Fall Membership Drive Social in the previous week was discussed, with comments from those attending and an e-mail from Holly Scoggins. Pfeiffer commented on the success of the membership social (the first of its kind, replacing the traditional bratwurst luncheon which cost >\$400). During the social, and in the next few days, 34 memberships were added: 9 renewal memberships, 9 that had not paid last year, 3 that had not paid for two years, and 13 new memberships (7 established faculty members, 4 new faculty, and 2 for which the status were difficult to determine). Costs of the social were \$155.44 for food, \$33 for glassware rental. Beer and wine (not paid for by CALSFA) cost \$179.81. Additional receipts were \$83.
- The Promotion and Tenure book gift approved earlier was sent out to 14 new faculty members.

New Business

- There was discussion on a volunteer from CALSFA to sit on the College P&T Committee. Greg Evanylo has agreed to do it, depending on dates. This was voted on and approved.
- Ideas for a fall forum: We traditionally have a forum in fall and spring. Last spring's session dealing with P&T development for new faculty members was well attended. A forum including a panel of department heads discussing current issues, including ways in which to promote cooperation, was discussed.
- Other new business: Geyer, chair of the Faculty Review Committee, heard cases of tenure process being fractured, where Deans tried to run the tenure process. This should be a faculty-managed process.

Meeting Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov 16 @ 10:00-11:30 in Hutcheson 104F (note Thursday rather than Friday date).

Submitted 11/14/2006 by Doug Pfeiffer, CALSFA Secretary/Treasurer for 2006-07.