

MINUTES
CALS Faculty Association Executive Committee Meeting

21 February 2007
104 Hutcheson Hall

Members Present

Scott Salom, Bill Barbeau, Holly Scoggins, Joe Eifert, Ron Morse and Doug Pfeiffer convened at 9:00 PM, joined by Dean Sharron Quisenberry.

Update from Dean Quisenberry

The dean expressed thought on the Governance Council, specifically that the current process entails only reporting, not governance. Dean Quisenberry asked for input from CALSFA Executive Committee to help develop a more functional approach. Scott Salom requested charter of the council, to base our thoughts on. The committee discussed methods in which to get issues to faculty and obtain feedback. Scott suggested that minutiae from committees not be reported, but rather issues before committees. The Dean also discussed addressing problems in grantsmanship and student numbers. On the positive side, CALS and Natural Resources are the only colleges that have met their goals of increasing student numbers. Numbers increased by 26% last year. Bill Barbeau suggested getting resources for faculty to develop preliminary data for proposals.

Scott reported that he sent out an announcement on new faculty orientation, but has received little administrative response. The Dean stated that there will be the requested participation. Mary Marchant will have a meeting on the following day on instruction, with possibility of funds. Topics will include service learning and undergraduates in research. (She will get a message out). There is a need to discuss scholarship of teaching. All of our 208 money is tied up in salaries, so it is hard to be otherwise supportive, but the dean is examining ways to remedy this.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with no discussion.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the 31 January 2007 CALSFA meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Doug Pfeiffer reported that the Association checking account has a balance of \$1003.11 and the savings account balance is \$578.20, according to the credit union statement through 31 January. There are still 62 paid members,

Committee Reports

None.

Senate Report

The Faculty Senate report was made by Pfeiffer. The Senate has organized a weekly Reception for all VT faculty, and participation is sought. Current issues being discussed at Senate is a concept of Professor of the Practice, and ways in which to make P&T guidelines consistent across departments and colleges.

Old Business

- The committee discussed this Friday's Sabbatical Forum. Holly Scoggins has arranged the Hahn Pavilion. Bill Barbeau and Joe Eifert will arrange refreshments. Scott has distributed information to the departments. The flyer should be posted, and a reminder was distributed this morning.
- The venue for the new faculty orientation was discussed. Possibilities include Hahn Pavilion and the Smyth classroom? The planned date is Aug 15. Scott is in process of inviting speakers. Mary Marchant has presenting information on how to do course proposals.

New Business

- Elections. CALS needs two people for each for three committees. Holly Scoggins volunteered for Athletics. Scott needs to submit by 1 Apr. A list of openings was distributed.
- We suggested having Joe Marcy come to a future meeting in order to discuss the role of Gov Council.

Meeting Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 12 March 2007 at 1:00.

Submitted 11 Mar 2007 by Doug Pfeiffer, CALSFA Secretary/Treasurer for 2006-