

Minutes

CALS Faculty Association Executive Committee Meeting
August 25 , 2006 104 Hutcheson Hall

Members Present

Scott Salom, Holly Scoggins, Bill Barbeau, Joe Eifert, Ron Lewis, Roger Harris, and Doug Pfeiffer convened at 9:00 am.

Approval of Agenda

No discussion

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the May 5, 2006 CALSFA meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Joe Eifert reported that the Association checking account has a balance of \$840.30 and the savings account balance is \$575.03. Records were turned over to Doug Pfeiffer.

Committee Reports

International: Lewis discussed some planned expenditures, including support of student study abroad.

Faculty Senate: Senators present (Harris and Pfeiffer) discussed several current issues before the Senate, e.g., consistency on composition of P&T committees, salary issues, Faculty Club plans. There was discussion on the Grievance Committee and mediation.

Old Business

There was discussion on funds that CALSFA has donated to scholarships. In the past funds were given to the CALS Alumni Scholarship. We would like to contribute to a teaching award (currently the only award with no monetary component). The Dean has generously offered to add to our contribution to reach a total of \$1,000. A ballot should be distributed in order to make this financial commitment to the teaching award, and also to ask for input on topics for CALS forums. This was moved by Scoggins, seconded by Barbeau. This motion passed. The issue of the size of the teaching award was discussed. Research and Extension already have awards with \$5,000 associated. Barbeau moved for \$500 for an initial award, seconded by Pfeiffer. This motion passed.

There was follow-up discussion on our recent P&T Forum: Salom shared with the Executive Committee a book that would be useful to new faculty in the college: "Preparing for Promotion, Tenure and Annual Review: A Faculty Guide, Robert M. Diamond, 2004, Anker, Bolton MA.

(ISBN 1-882982-72-X). Salom moved that we make this available to all new faculty (starting after July 2006). This motion passed. Scott has asked Sheila Norman to get us a current number of new faculty members in the college.

New Business

Discussed nature of interactions with Dean. There has been a problem in Executive Committee members open-ended questioning, taking time away from the Dean's busy schedule and allowing little time for other EC business. We suggested a 20-minute slot for the Dean. We discussed roles of each officer.

Fall Kick-off Picnic. We have a table assigned to us, presenting a good opportunity to let faculty know what we do, and allowing an opportunity to collect dues and memberships on the spot. Fall membership drive. There is a college site giving listserves, including one for CALS Faculty. After discussion on the degree of success of the traditional brat lunch, Scoggins moved that, instead of a fall picnic, we hold a CALSFA membership drive social on a Thursday from 4:00-7:00, date TBD, at Hahn Pavilion, where members can attend. This was seconded by Salom. This motion passed. We will aim for Sept 28, with an alternate date of Oct. 5.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept 21 @ 10:00-11:30 in Hutcheson 104F (note Thursday rather than Friday date).

Submitted 9/20/2006 by Doug Pfeiffer, CALSFA Secretary/Treasurer for 2006-07