

MINUTES
CALS Faculty Association Executive Committee Meeting

August 22, 2008
104 Hutcheson Hall

Present: Joe Eifert, President, presiding over the meeting. All the committee members were in attendance including Bill Barbeau (Past President), Doug Pfeiffer (President-Elect), Erik Ervin (Vice President), and Joe Guthrie (Secretary/Treasurer). Also in attendance was Dean Sharron Quisenberry.

The meeting began with an update from Dean Quisenberry on the state of the college. Some of the highlights of the dean's remarks include:

- Permanent funding and regular appointments for the Ag Tech program
- Plans to expand enrollment to 3,000 students
- The college has moved up to 6th place in the nation in NSF research rankings
- Awaiting word from the governor on the budget and possible budget cuts, which would be handled in a similar fashion to those the college has had in the past year
- Long-term, the college has a plan to replace many of the older Ag Quad buildings. One building should be ready in the next 3-4 years
- Discussion is underway to implement a single undergraduate degree with several options in the current plant sciences departments.

After the dean concluded her remarks, Joe E. began new business items by proposing that each committee member speak to their own and one to three other department staff meetings to encourage faculty to join CALSFA. He suggested that each member take several 3x5 index cards and ask faculty to fill in a concern and something they would like CALSFA to do. It was suggested that we try to do as many of these as possible before our next meeting.

Joe E. then brought up that we need to have a list of nominees for the dean's evaluation committee. Erik suggested that we could take that as an item on our agenda to each of the staff meetings we attend and ask for nominees.

Joe E. noted that the fall picnic in the Ag Quad was scheduled for September 2 and we needed to have a table and have committee members there, probably in two shifts, to recruit faculty to pay dues.

Erik presented the financial report, which shows \$859 in savings and \$731 in checking with no outstanding balances and no activity since the previous meeting. Erik and Joe G. discussed transitioning the financial and membership records from Erik to Joe. The committee discussed ideas for new faculty orientation. As there are fewer than 10 new faculty, the committee decided that an orientation consisting of a few hours,

possibly as a brown bag lunch, with the dean and associate deans speaking would be appropriate.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Guthrie

CALSFA Secretary/Treasurer