

Meeting Summary
CALS Faculty Association Executive Committee
October 2009
104 Hutcheson Hall

Attendance: Doug Pfeiffer, Karen Poff, John Jelesko, Renee Boyer
Invited and unable to attend: Erik Ervin, Joe Guthrie, Joe Eifert

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Not completed b/c previous minutes were not sent out

Treasurer's Report: Not completed b/c conversion of accounts to new treasurer has not taken place, and previous treasurer was not present. Renee Boyer needs to meet w/ Joe Guthrie to have accounts transferred.

Committee Report:

Faculty Senate: The main topic of senate meetings has been how the budget will effect the faculty. But without the University announcing plans, it is difficult to have discussions on this topic or even predict the effect. As an executive committee CALSFA needs to stay involved.

Old Business:

- Membership reminder: Doug will send out a reminder to faculty to join CALSFA. All in attendance reviewed the draft letter that Doug has created and it was approved to be sent out
- Money received for dues goes towards the CALSFA teaching award. Question was brought up as to whether you should be a member of CALSFA in order to receive the teaching award. This discussion was tabled for the next meeting.
- CALS Committees: need to be updated for 2009-2010. Doug and Renee will try and obtain the election results from last spring so that these documents can be accurate. All new committee chairs are answerable to CALSFA and should be invited to meetings.

New Business:

- Procedures manual: would like to create a procedures manual that will make clear to new members what officer jobs are. For example what items are due when. Essentially this would be an operating rules of order for the organization. A different document than the by-laws, one that could be altered easier.
- Discussed the ASO's, retirement plans, buy out options primarily in relation to the Extension meeting which was held in the morning. This generated some questions for the Dean.

Discussion w/ new Dean: Dr. Alan Grant:

- Associate Dean Craig Nessler is leaving: the position will be refilled in some capacity internally. Would like to alter the position changing it to Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies (work closely w/ Dean DePauw and Susan Sumner). Additionally, creation of a new associate director for AREC's, this person would be more committed to the state and external stakeholders. This would also be an internal hire.
- Extension strategic planning process: There have been 30 public sessions, 3 stakeholder sessions collecting data for the strategic planning process. They will be analyzing the results and drafting a strategic plan in the early spring.
- Primary questions answered:
 - How can Ext. better serve clientele?
 - Should the structure of Ext. across the state be changed?
- Budget: the pending # of retirements may create enough savings to reinvest in new hires. The plan is to over cut in order to allow for flexibility to reinvest.
- Extension Districts: may be reduced from 6 to 4. Karen Poff mentioned that this has been the structure in the past and seemed to work fine
- AFRI Budget: AFRI budget has been increased from 200 million – 262 million
- Scholarships through deans office: We have had these in the past, asked the Dean if they would continue, Dr. Grant said that he would look into it
- Teaching Faculty award: Previously the teaching faculty award was ½ from CALSFA and ½ from the Dean's office, we asked if this would continue. We didn't have notes on the value of the support, so we will look into it and he will give us an answer.

Future Business:

(Next Meeting: Friday November 13, 1:30 pm; Hutcheson 104F)

Friday December 11, 1:30 pm; Hutcheson 104F

Prepared by Renee Boyer, 11/02/09