**­­College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Faculty Association**

**Meeting Minutes**

**3/21/2016**

**8:30 in 104F Hutcheson**

Call in information: 1-866-842-5779 Code: 5402314152

Attendance: Jon Vest, Sam Doak, Catherine Larochelle, Alan Grant, Rob Grange, Jennifer Jones

1. **Called to order: 8:45 by Jon Vest**
2. **February minutes will be reviewed by Dean Grant and revisions made**
3. **Dean’s Update**
   1. College is in the process of choosing a new Hahn Garden director
   2. General Assembly has authorized a 2% increase for faculty salaries
   3. Some institutions got a higher level because they did not do an increase last fall
   4. It will be effective and a merit increase will occur July 10th
   5. Both university and classified staff will receive an average of 3% increase
   6. Cooperative Extension and VAES (agency 229) did not get the budget cut expected
   7. Agency 208 will still see a 5% cut
   8. The Deans of the colleges have not received information on how that will affect each college yet
   9. Trump’s new budget proposal lacks details: 54,000,000,000 increase in defense but we don’t know where that money is coming from
   10. The budget must be approved by congress first
   11. USDA has a 20% proposed budget decrease, but we don’t know where the cuts will actually come from
   12. USAID also has a proposed greater than 20% budget decrease, but everything is still unknown
   13. Catherine Larochelle will be the CALSFA liaison for the 5-year periodic review of the department head for ALCE
   14. There are also searches for the AAEC department head and the School of Plant and Environmental Sciences director
4. **Treasurer’s Report**
   1. no change since last month
   2. Jon will need checks for purchases for the Coffee with CALSFA. He can pick up from Jennifer the week before
5. **Old Business**
   1. Coffee with CALSFA-everything is aligned: Neal Vines and Scott Shetrone will be there
      1. We don’t have any CIDER contacts yet; Sam will go touch base with them
      2. April 6th is the new date: Jennifer will move the room; program from 11-1; 10 am setup and breakdown from 1-2
      3. We need a TLOS contact? Sam can work on finding someone that has specific knowledge on canvas from them also
      4. Catherine discussed someone who could discuss extension publications-we could do this as a special speaker, but not part of Coffee with CALSFA.
      5. Jennifer will ask Erik Ervin about coming for curriculum and course creating suggestions
      6. Jennifer will email Nancy Dudek about the April 6th date
      7. How do we get people with info about evaluation of students?
      8. Can we have a spot for the faculty to be able to sit and mix with each other? Yes we can-by the food
      9. A total of 7 tables-set up on the outside border of the room
      10. Sam will double check the Rubbermaid tote to see what type of paper products we have
      11. Jennifer will try to put a banner or announcement on the website for Coffee with CALSFA
   2. Elections
      1. Jon will email the CALS listserv about the secretary/treasurer position open for 2017-2018
      2. We need to check the positions on University Council and CALS Governance also to see what other positions will open in 2017.
6. **Meeting adjourned: 9:33am**