

CALS Governance Council Minutes

November 1, 2022

2:30PM – 3:30PM

Zoom

Alan Grant called the meeting to order at 2:30pm with a welcome to everyone.

Council members present via Zoom:

Approval of the Agenda:

A motion was made to adopt the agenda. The motion received a second and was approved.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes. The motion received a second and was approved.

New Business:

CAPP - Jennifer Jones presented an updated “Peer Review Teaching” document for first reading

Committee Reports:

Committee on Academic Program Policy:

Jennifer Jones reported no additional items

CALS Curriculum Committee:

James Wilson discussed curriculum and proposal. Follow-up questions should be directed to James.

Committee on Extension and Research Program Policy:

No report

Committee on International Program Policy:

Gillian Eastwood forwarded the following report.

- Next CIPP meeting is November 14th

Following CALS Study Abroad trips, <https://www.cals.vt.edu/global/students/cals-study-abroad.html>

- **South Africa** (Ozzie, SPES; Food security, Wildlife and Conservation, Fall 2022)
- **Australia** (Ozzie Abaye, SPES; Crops Judging, Fall 2022)
- **Australia & NZ** (Cindy Wood AS; Animal agriculture & Sustainability, Winter2022)
- **Senegal** (Archibald ALCE; Youth and Development in Senegal; Winter 2022)
- **Ecuador** (Eick SPES & Eaton; Environment, Health and Culture, Winter 2022)
- **Costa Rica** (Harden, HNFE; Yoga and Community in a Blue Zone, Winter 2022)
- **Scotland** (Klemba, BIOCHEM; semester abroad, U. Dundee; Spring 2023)
- **Ireland** (Eaton & Williams; HNFE; Applications of Kinesiology and Sport Science, Spring 2023)

CALS Library Update:

No report

CALS Diversity Council:

No report

Updates from Dean and Associate Deans:

Academic Programs

Susan Sumner reported.

- Elements: Steve Kleiber and I have met with several CALS faculty to understand the issues/concerns with the Elements reporting system. We have heard some good suggestions on improvements and ideas to prepare helpful tips for faculty as they complete the report.
- Incomplete grade practice: Starting in the fall of 2022, there is a form that students must complete along with their professor to ask for an incomplete grade. The goal is to better inform students and professors on the material that a student still needs to complete to earn a grade in the course.
- Two CALS sponsored study abroad classes to be taught in winter 2023 have been canceled.

CALS Global

Tom Thompson reported.

- 2022 Global Agricultural Productivity Report launched on October 4th in Washington DC
 - “Accelerating Agricultural Productivity Growth for a Sustainable Resilient World” was jointly hosted by USDA’s Sustainable Productivity Growth Coalition
 - Attended by 170 in-person and 270 online attendees

Research

Saied Mostaghimi reported.

- We have established a memorial scholarship fund to honor the memory of Dr. Susan Duncan. The fund, which is established in FST, is named Susan E. Duncan Excellence in Graduate Education. While the FST graduate students will receive higher priority, other CALS graduate students will also be eligible to receive scholarships
- I am in the process of identifying an interim associate director of VAES for a specified period of time to make sure we are able to meet the needs of VAES and CALS research until a permanent associate director is identified
- We will have the grand opening of the new Seafood AREC building located in Hampton VA in later November

Virginia Cooperative Extension

Alan Grant welcomed Dr. Michael Gutter, new associate dean and director of Virginia Cooperative Extension.

Diversity, Inclusion and Equity

No report.

Dean

Alan Grant reported.

- Searches
 - VAES director/Associate Dean
 - Biochemistry department head

Announcements

None

CALSFA

No report.

Advancement

Motion made and approved to adjourn.

Crystal Tawney, Recorder