

CALS Governance Council Minutes

November 29, 2021

2:00PM – 3:00PM

Zoom

Alan Grant called the meeting to order at 2:00pm with a welcome to everyone.

Council members present via Zoom: Alan Grant, Teresa Smith, Steve Kleiber, Susan Chen, Teresa Minton, Tom Thompson, Ed Jones, Susan Duncan, Chad Proudfoot, Erin Ling, Jennifer Jones, Carol Haynes, Margaret Kenny, Matthew Chappell, Maria Balota, Saied Mostaghimi, Sandra Gabbert, Stephanie Brown, Cathy Sutphin, and Dave Winston

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.

Old Business:

None

Committee Reports:

Committee on Academic Program Policy:

Jennifer Jones reported.

- Phased retirement plan for instructors
 - Similar to a plan already in place for faculty
 - Next step: meet with CALS HR and review current faculty numbers using the plan
 - Attending Faculty Senate this week to discuss
- How faculty is compensated for advising master level and Ph.D. students? Mentorship?

CALS Curriculum Committee:

Dave Winston reported.

- Proposals and Courses
 - 33 proposals that have had action by committee
 - 2 undergraduate and 3 graduate courses that have been cleared for the course catalog
 - 4 undergraduate courses in the final stages of the CUSP review, 3 be prepared for the undergraduate committee, 6 graduate courses almost ready for graduate review, 1 graduate certificate, 4 courses on 15-day review

- Committee has approved on additional undergraduate, 7 other graduate courses, and a new major which will all be placed on a 15-day review
- Next meeting, January 20, 2022

Committee on Extension and Research Program Policy:

No report

Committee on International Program Policy:

No report.

CALS Library Update:

Inga Haugen reported.

- The Library is here to support you with instruction and workshops
 - Specific training on request, and regularly offer what we think will be useful.
 - As a specific example, I was contacted by Lori Greiner to host a workshop on copyright and was able to share specific modules to meet that need

CALS Diversity Council:

Erin Ling reported.

- Re-writing by-laws
 - By-laws will be sent to Crystal for distribution to be read
 - 1st reading at the next Governance meeting
- Adjusting council meeting dates

Updates from Dean and Associate Deans:

Academic Programs

Susan Sumner reported.

- 12/8 – end of fall semester
- Commencement – December 17th, Cassell Coliseum
 - University at 10:30am
 - Graduate at 2:30pm
 - Spring 2022 – Lane Stadium
 - CALS May 12, 2022, at 3:30pm
 - University May 13, 2022, at 8:30am
- Thanks to the Curriculum Committee
 - CALSFA Event
 - Continue to nominate and award our teachers

CALS Global

Tom Thompson reported.

- Fall CALS Global Newsletter

- Johanna Cricenti, new Global member as well as the CALS Proposal Development Team
- The 2021 GAP report was released in October at the World Food Prize
- Student mobility
 - Study Abroad is beginning to pick back up due to COVID delays
 - Several courses to be taught by CALS faculty in the upcoming winter session as well as the spring semester

Research

Saied Mostaghimi reported.

- Alson H. Smith and Southern Piedmont AREC Director positions
 - Have been advertised
 - Screening mid-January to early February
- External Review
 - Good visit in late October
 - No final report as of yet
- ANR Summit
 - 4/12-13/22 in Richmond
 - Susan Duncan leading

Virginia Cooperative Extension

Ed Jones reported.

- Winter Conference, first week of February 2022
 - In-person, The Inn
- Civil Rights review for VCE by NIFA USDA

Dean

Alan Grant reported.

- Ed Jones, VCE director, to retire
 - Will remain until filled
 - National search
- Several ongoing searches throughout CALS
- CALS Team Award
 - Presentation on January 12, 2022, at 2pm in Fralin Auditorium
 - VT School of Turfgrass Ecology and Management
 - Edamame Management Team

Announcements

None

Motion made and approved to adjourn.

Crystal Tawney, Recorder