

**CALS Governance Council Minutes**  
**November 8, 2019**  
**311 Latham Hall**

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

**Council members present:** Stephanie Brown, Saied Mostaghimi, Erin Ling, Stephen Kleiber, Tom Thompson, Jennifer Jones, Ed Jones, and Kyrille DeBose

**Council members participating via phone:** Margaret Kenny and Kevin Camm

**Approval of the Agenda:**

A motion was made to adopt the agenda by Saied Mostaghimi and seconded by Ed Jones; approved.

**Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Saied Mostaghimi and seconded by Erin Ling; approved.

**New Business:**

None

**Committee Reports:**

**Committee on Academic Program Policy:**

Jennifer Jones reported.

- Collegiate faculty guidelines and best practices
  - College of Science guidelines as example
- Last meeting was November 4th

**CALS Curriculum Committee:**

No reported.

- Committee met yesterday and the next meeting is December 5th

**Committee on Extension and Research Program Policy:**

No report.

**Committee on International Program Policy:**

No report.

**CALS Diversity Council:**

Erin Ling reported.

- Council restructure
- Diversity Incentive Fund Award
  - Glenda Gillaspay, BIOC
- Growing Together meets monthly
- Book club is continuing to meet

**CALS Library Update:**

Kyrille DeBose reported.

- Consultation Booking System in the works.
  - On LibCal's public facing page
    - Search experts by topic and request a consultation.
    - Emails can be sent within the system, allowing faculty/staff and patrons to ask each other questions and attach files.

- OER Guidelines
  - Developed with Faculty Senate input
    - Intended to facilitate and encourage use, creation, adaptation, and sharing of OER by VT faculty, staff, and students
    - Guidelines will include an academic freedom statement and standards for evaluating course materials
    - Library personnel may be interested in the guidelines as they pertain to the creation of OER, University branding, authorship, metadata creation, and accessibility
    - Timeline for completion is TBD.
- Open Access & Big Deal Information
  - Informative links from library's homepage (<https://lib.vt.edu/>)
    - [Open Access - Big Deal Information You Need to Know](#)
    - [Latest developments at Virginia Tech](#)
    - [Alternative Access to Articles](#)
    - [Open Publishing Resources](#)
- Specifically, from Inga
  - VAPI (VA Ag Pub Inventory) video is main focus

### **Updates from Dean and Associate Deans:**

#### **Academic Programs**

No report

#### **CALS International Programs (CALS Global)**

Tom Thompson reported.

- GAP Report Launch in Des Moines, Iowa
- Egerton University visit 4
  - Four colleagues including their Vice-Chancellor.
  - Signed a new MoU with Provost Clarke
- Faculty Partnership Initiative travel grants
  - Jan-Mar 2020 travel
    - Proposal due date is Nov. 22
    - One to three awarded
- The Partnership for Skills in Applied Sciences, Engineering and Technology (PASET) program
  - An international host university agreement signed to host African PhD scholars
  - CALS faculty will have opportunities to mentor a limited number of scholars who will be on campus for up to one year.
- Student mobility
  - CALS participation rate continues to climb; 14-15% for past two years (VT was 23% last year). Making progress.
  - Supporting departments in creating major-specific study abroad advising guides
  - CALS study abroad peer advisor (Dana Mulligan)
- VCE international:
  - Updated UDESC (Universidade do Estado de Santa Catarina, Brazil) MOU submitted for signature.
  - General MOU
    - VCE activities have been the cornerstone of the relationship historically
    - Recruitment for next year's agent exchanges begins soon

## Research

Saied Mostaghimi reported.

- SmartFarm will have eight clusterhires
- Fall AREC Meeting
  - Past Wednesday and Thursday
  - Tidewater AREC
- OSP (Office of Sponsored Programs)
  - Pre-award associate in college
    - Office across from Lesley Mitchell, Grants Specialist
    - Draft MOU
    - Pilot for one year beginning in January
- 5-year External Reviews
  - Beginning in the spring
  - Entomology and AAEC
  - 5-year reviews will also begin for ARECs
- Seafood AREC Building
  - Funding obtained
  - Next to current building
  - March/April 2020 start
  - 10-12 months completion time

## Virginia Cooperative Extension

Ed Jones reported.

- Permanent FFA position – Andy Siebel
- Over 2,000 4-H & FFA participants at the State Fair
- District fall conference completed
  - Mental health issues in agricultural industry
  - Partnering with VDACS to deliver programming
- Advertising for the Fredericksburg agent position
- Joe Hunnings will be retiring at the end of the month
- Youth Protection Office

## Dean

Alan Grant reported.

- SmartFarm
  - High priority in the Virginia Research and Extension Innovation Initiative
  - State budget request
    - \$11 million in the first year
    - Supports Agency 229
    - First time the university has prioritized Agency 229 to such a high level
    - Includes agents, programmers, and specialists; equipment and technology (IT infrastructure)
- BSE department head search
  - Dwayne Edwards
    - January 1, 2020
  - Bobby Grisso will return to faculty after serving as interim head
- Other searches
  - HNFE department head & AT director
    - Pavli Mykerezzi to retire at the end of the academic year
- Strategic Plan
  - 4 working groups within CALS, includes faculty and staff
  - Correlate with university strategic plan
    - University milestones, 3-5 years
      - Which ones align with college

- Tom Thompson, coordinator of CALS strategic planning process
- Town Hall scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm in Owens Banquet Hall
  - Reception to follow

A motion was made to adjourn by Tom Thompson and Ed Jones.

Crystal Tawney, Recorder