

CALS Governance Council Minutes
May 3, 2019
311 Latham Hall

Alan Grant called the meeting to order at 9:00am with a welcome to everyone.

Council members present: Susan Clark, Dan Goerlich, Sandra Gabbert, Ben Grove, Mike Lambur, Inga Haugen, Vernon Meacham, Erin Ling, David Winston, Shanan Sessor, John Galbraith, Saied Mostaghimi, Susan Duncan, Ed Jones, and Patrick Hilt

Council members participating via phone: Margaret Kenny, Melissa Wright, and Theresa Long

Approval of the Agenda:

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

Approval of the Minutes

The draft minutes were amended to correct the spelling of Karen Munden's name. A motion to approve the amended minutes from November was made by Saied Mostaghimi and seconded by Dan Goerlich; approved.

New Business:

None

Committee Reports:

Committee on Academic Program Policy:

No report

CALS Curriculum Committee:

Dave Winston reported.

- Committee has met five times since September

- Approved proposals at the college level and then forwarded to the respective university curriculum committee:

Non-Pathways Undergraduate Courses

Course #	Title	New/Revised	Status
APSC 3214 (FST 3124)	Principles of Meat Science	Revised	Approved
APSC 3224	Meat Science Lab	New	Approved
APSC 4514	Animal Growth, Development and Evaluation	Revised	Approved
ENSC 3244	Ecological Restoration	New	Awaiting 15-day review
PPWS 4154	Plant Problem Diagnosis	New	Approved

Pathways Undergraduate Courses

Course #	Title	New/Revised	Status
APSC 3104	Animal Breeding and Genetics	Revised	Ad Hoc Committee
APSC 3334	Animal Welfare and Bioethics	Revised	On 15-day review
ENT 2004	Insects and Human Society	Revised	Approved
ENT 2804	Bees: Biology, Diversity and Sustainability	New	Approved
HORT 2164	Floral Design	Revised	Ad Hoc Committee

Pathways Minors

Department	Title	New/Revised	Status
ALCE	Leadership and Social Change Minor	Revised	Awaiting course approvals
SPES	Ecosystems for Human Well Being Minor	New	Ad Hoc Committee

Graduate Courses

Course #	Title	New/Revised	Status
APSC 5514G	Animal Growth, Development and Evaluation	Revised	GCC
PPWS 5154G	Plant Problem Diagnosis	New	GCC

- Several additional course proposals were tabled by the CALS Curriculum Committee and will be revisited at a future meeting after edits are completed
- Last meeting is today at 1:30pm

Committee on Extension and Research Program Policy:

No report

Committee on International Program Policy:

No report

CALS Diversity Council:

Erin Ling and Dave Winston reported.

- Meeting at 11am today
- Discussing restructuring of CALS council to work better with existing diversity committees
- Thanked the college for the support behind Nate Looney's campus visit
- Three students along with Donna Westfall-Rudd and Dave Winston will be attending the Cultivating Change summit held this year
- Once a month council meetings off-campus in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings

CALS Library Update:

Inga Haugen reported.

- AREC Trip
 - Gather a baseline of materials at each AREC
 - Prepare a larger plan/proposal on how to use these materials
 - Laura Kerr, spring semester student, worked on the BSE History project with Cully Hession
 - Projects in process: FFA History, VA Ag Pub Inventory, Long Ashton Research Papers, Visiting/scoping the ARECs materials, Extension Pub Best Practices, DID Ag 2.0.
 - DIDAg 2.0 needs its own line- it's a national level workshop, hosted in collaboration with the National Agriculture Library
 - Possibly hosted at SPAREC.
 - Focused on teaching/learning among participants on applied data management in the (literal) field
 - Involving Extension and AREC directors into the conversation.
 - Another potential for NAL collaboration is connected with the Fellows they host. NAL currently works with U of Maryland, and we're exploring what it would be like to have a connection with NAL and VT.
 - The Library Diversity Council has a meeting with the CALS Diversity Council to learn what they have been doing to get such good marks on the campus climate survey. If any areas, departments, or groups want to share back to the Library on what was successful, we'd love to hear it.
 - Elsevier and Open Access
 - This is a joint response from the seven VRL libraries supporting the University of California in its Elsevier negotiations. It was shared broadly across the seven universities: <https://lib.vt.edu/about-us/open-support.html>.
 - A Reminder: The Open @ VT blog post, released March 21st, by Peter Potter provides more depth and context for the situation. You are welcome to share it with anyone: University of California v. Elsevier: Why it matters to Virginia: <https://blogs.lt.vt.edu/openvt/2019/03/21/university-of-california-v-elsevier-why-it-matters-to-virginia/>
 - My own research on research Impact was put on hold as our Research Impact Librarian went on maternity leave, and I got Laura on board. If you have any pressing need for the information, I'll get it together, otherwise it will wait 'til I get to it.
 - Online learning modules for Master Gardeners are in the works
 - Open Access Subvention Fund is used by CALS. Some usage percentages for comparison Vet Med 11%, COS 16%, CALS 18% and COE 33%. We'd like to know what happens when the amount we supply doesn't cover the whole cost and some other things, so a survey will be going out to ask those questions.

Updates from Dean and Associate Deans:

Academic Programs

Susan Sumner reported.

- Graduation May 17, 2019 at noon. Approximately 650 students. Smaller than the last few years. The college did not have enough faculty volunteers to serve the assigned university ceremonies. Need to develop a different process to work with departments next year to identify the volunteers.
- Student Recruitment
 - Two weeks of high school visits: the college had a steady number of visitors

- New university admission SLATE system has been a wonderful tool. Molly Wilson, director of recruitment, is a master at getting data from the system.
- Undergraduate and transfer yield
 - May 1 was the deadline to accept admission offers
 - Transfer students have until June 15. Just held our Transfer in the Know session for potential transfer students.
 - Final numbers not in, but the college is ahead of our target, which means by September census, we should hit our target.
 - DASC, FST, CSS, HNFE, Ag Science (ALCE), APSC have strong numbers
 - AT and AAEC are lower than normal
- Student program fees
 - Renovation projects are coming to completion: classroom in Wallace, 1810 Litton Reaves, main hallway Litton Reaves. 2019-2020 projects: space in Saunders and biochemistry advising space. Teaching equipment for entomology, iclickers, and tutors and peer mentors.
- Pathways grant with Anne Brown to develop a pathways minor (Research and Data Practices) with a target audience of non-stem students.
- CALS Faculty in Conversation: How and Why We Teach
 - August 20, 2019 11:00 to 6 pm

Research

Saied Mostaghimi reported.

- Trending decline in the number of graduate applications both domestically and particularly internationally
 - Applications to VT are down 27%, which is a couple of percentage points below the national level
 - Offers extended to international graduate students – the yield has gone down 20%
 - Can only require a graduate student to inform you of their decision after April 15th
- Collaboration with CNR and VetMed related to the SmartFarm
- Shenandoah AREC Superintendent
 - Gabe Pent, current faculty member at Southern Piedmont AREC, will be starting May 10th
- Successful AREC tour
 - Will be developing a strategic facility plan for all ARECs
 - Will include infrastructure, IT, etc., not just buildings
 - Funding expectations
- Pratt proposals
 - Significant endowment related to animal nutrition
 - \$800,000 to a million in funding/year

Virginia Cooperative Extension

Dr. Jones reported.

- Mike Lambur has been given the leadership role of the Annual Publications Leadership Council
 - Brings in extension agents from all over and provides them with professional development
- Spring meeting of extension directors
- Candidate has been identified and offered the Central District director position
- Next week University Council will be voting on a change to the Faculty Handbook regarding Promotion and Tenure track for extension

Dean

Alan Grant reported.

- Department Head searches
 - ALCE search completed
 - Dr. Tracy Rutherford from Texas A&M will start July 1st
 - Currently an associate department head at Texas A&M
 - BSE search underway
- University Faculty and Staff Awards Program
 - Number of CALS and VCE personnel recognized
 - Mark Cline, APS, Sporn Award for Excellence in Teaching
 - Bethany Eigel, Extension Agent, Chesterfield County, Alumni Award for Excellence in Extension (agent category)
 - David Fiske, (honored posthumously), Alumni Award for Excellence in Extension (specialist category)
 - Alfred Smith, Hampton Roads AREC, Staff Achievement Award
- Thank you from the Dean for the work during the spring semester

CALS International Programs (CALS Global)

Ben Grove reported.

- GAP Initiative at VT, GAP report
 - Report launch at WFP in Des Moines, IA, on October 16th
 - Campus launch is October 23rd
- Global Opportunity Initiative
 - Partnership with vet school this year
 - Travel to Kenya, Uganda, and Rwanda in June
- Grants Specialist
 - June start date
 - Assist faculty with international grant opportunities
- Extension
 - Continues to support core relationships with Teagasc, in Senegal, and in Brazil
 - Evaluating new opportunities in Spanish speaking cultures and Kenya
- Re-evaluating several of our current initiatives over the next fiscal year, strengthening existing partnerships and identifying new partners

Announcements

Saied Mostaghimi was presented the Southern Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors Excellence in Leadership Award at the association's spring meeting. He will be recognized as the recipient of this award at the annual APLU meeting in San Diego in November.

A motion was made to adjourn.

Reaghan Worrell, Recorder