

CALS Governance Council Minutes

June 16, 2021

2:00-3:00PM

Zoom

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

Council members present via Zoom: Alan Grant, Sandra Gabbert, Maria Balota, Emily Wong, Inga Haugen, Melissa Wright, Joe Eifert, Susan Sumner, Stephanie Brown, Ryan Stewart, Chad Proudfoot, Susan Duncan, Ed Jones, Cathy Sutphin, Jennifer Jones, Jeremy Daubert, Saied Mostaghimi, Tom Thompson, 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:

CALS Collegiate Faculty and Professor of Practice Promotion Guidelines and Expectations for AY 20-21

- Second reading
- Voted and past

Committee Reports:

Committee on Academic Program Policy:

Jennifer Jones reported

- CALS Collegiate Faculty and Professor of Practice Promotion Guidelines and Expectations for AY 20-21 – voted and past

CALS Curriculum Committee:

Dave Winston reported.

- The committee completed work for the academic year at its regular meeting on Thursday, April 1st.
- The CALS courses that have final approval at the university level are listed at the end of the minutes.
- Recognized for their service and dedication to the committee this year: Jennifer Friedel (AAEC), Donna Westfall-Rudd (ALCE), Dan Eversole (APSC), Tim Larson (BCHM), James Wilson (ENT), Haibo Huang (FST), Dongmin Liu (HNFE), Ben Tracy (SPES), and Jennifer Jones

(OMALS). Anna Taylor (AP Office) is the staff representative and provides administrative support.

- Dave Winston's term on the university curriculum committee has ended and Jennifer Jones will be stepping up
- Dave Winston to remain as the chair for the CALS committee

Committee on Extension and Research Program Policy:

Ed Jones reported.

- Committee chair has retired
- No new chair as of date
- Ed Jones and Saied Mostaghimi to discuss
- No report

Committee on International Program Policy:

No report.

CALS Library Update:

Inga Haugen reported.

- HNFE's liaison, Ana Corral accepted a position with another University
 - New liaison, Amanda McDonald.
- Hiring
 - Full-time director of inclusion and diversity to be around the winter
 - Inga will move back to being the full time Ag and Life Sciences liaison
- Prototyping Studio set to open for Fall semester, with different types of metal and other fabrication options.
- New hires
 - Inform new hires and remind current employees about the Library
 - Stepping up outreach effort
- I'm the incoming chair for the Preservation and Digital Libraries committee for the US Ag Info Network (USAIN).
 - Collaborating with the National Ag Library to be a test state to create a baseline of what types/kinds of agricultural trade pubs exist
 - Any organizations or trade pubs that are critical for your work, please let Inga know
 - Listserv request when all details are finalized

CALS Diversity Council:

Susan Sumner reported.

- Council is working on implementing new structure
- Have not met since last governance meeting in February

Updates from Dean and Associate Deans:

Academic Programs

Susan Sumner reported.

- Thank you to everyone for work during the spring semester
- A little less than 600 students for Commencement
- Few summer classes
- Successful fall class registration
 - Fall to return to normal

CALS Global

Tom Thompson reported.

- Global Opportunity Initiative
 - Assists faculty, especially early career faculty, to be proficient and well connected for international engagement
 - Third year
 - All virtual this past year
 - Included partners in east Africa
 - 5 different universities
- GAP report
 - Theme “Case for Productivity”
 - UN Food Systems Summit
 - Make food systems more resilient and sustainable
 - Report will include information on the importance of investing in agricultural productivity
- Study Abroad
 - Six courses that have been approved by CALS faculty
 - 4-5 courses being offered this winter
- CALS Faculty Fellows
 - Two awarded, monetarily
 - Tom Archibald, AAEC
 - Catherine Laroche, AAEC
- GAP Faculty Fellowship
 - Wei Zhang, AAEC
- VT Alumni for Excellence in International Outreach
 - Awarded to Tom Archibald, AAEC
 - Second year that a CALS faculty has won award
 - A university wide award
- New Program Associate
 - Dickson Otieno
 - Several years with Egerton University in east Africa
 - Assisting CALS Global and VCE along with working on his Ph.D. in ALCE

- Location
 - CALS Global has moved into the old CALS Finance suite in 105 and 106 Hutcheson Hall

Research

Saied Mostaghimi reported.

- Grants activity moving forward
 - Record grant awards
- Extensive remodeling of ARECs through October
 - Peer Institutions
- New director
 - Tidewater AREC
 - Matthew Chapell, University of Georgia, to begin August 1st

Virginia Cooperative Extension

Ed Jones reported.

- Organizational Effectiveness Plan
- 4-H Camp occurring this summer
- County extension offices are reopening
- VT and VSU received grant thru the CDC
 - Vaccine effect
- Mike Lambur retired
 - Sarah Baughman to take over some responsibilities
 - Ben Grove to handle publications

Dean

Alan Grant reported.

- Many thanks to the faculty and staff for their work through the spring semester
- Successful Commencement
- BOV update
- Hiring
 - Renee Boyer, Department Head, FST
 - Previous searches, paused due to COVID, have resumed
- Capital Projects continuing
 - VA Seafood AREC
 - On-time for a November/December completion date
 - Livestock and Poultry Facilities updating

Announcements

None

Motion made and approved to adjourn.

Crystal Tawney, Recorder

CALS Curriculum Committee Update

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Submitted by David R. Winston, Chair

The CALS Curriculum Committee wrapped up its work for the academic year at its regular meeting on Thursday, April 1. The committee had a productive year and was efficient in its work.

The **CALS courses** listed below received final approval at the university level and were added to their respective catalogs during the 2020-2021 academic year.

New Undergraduate Courses (Non-Pathways) {12 courses}

- APSC 3434: Host Microbe Interactions
- AT 0424: Nutrient Management Planning
- BCHM 1024: Introductory Experience in Biochemistry Research Skills
- BCHM 3634: Analysis of Biochemical Literature
- CSES 4064: Soil Microbiology
- FST 4204: Advanced Topics in Food Science and Technology
- HNFE 2274: Wilderness First Responder
- HNFE 2484: Evidence-Based Practice in Health Science
- HNFE 4814: Advanced Athletic Injuries
- HORT 3324: Herbaceous Landscape Plants
- SPES 1004: First Year Seminar
- SPES 4864: Capstone: Plant Sciences

Revised Undergraduate Courses (Non-Pathways) {1}

- DASC 3474: Dairy Information Systems

New Pathways Courses {5}

- ALS 2604: Introduction to Interdisciplinary Research Practices
- LDRS 1414: Citizen Leadership
- LDRS 1424: Citizen Leadership Praxis
- SPES 2004: Cannabis – Science, Industry, and Culture
- SPES 2244: World Crops: Food and Culture

Revised Pathways Courses {3}

- ALS 1004: Agriculture, the Arts and Society
- LDRS 2014: Principles of Peer Leadership
- LDRS 3304: Elements of Team Leadership

New Graduate Courses {13}

- AAEC 5044: Applied Macroeconomics
- AAEC 5484: Applied Economic Forecasting
- ALCE 5564: International Agriculture & Diplomacy
- APSC 5134: Applied Behavior Analysis for Animal Behaviorists
- APSC 5154: Behavioral Biology of Domesticated Mammals
- APSC 5184: Research Methods for Animal Behaviorists
- APSC 5234: Applications of Applied Animal Behavior
- APSC 5264: Animal Cognition
- APSC 5604: Writing Effective Fellowship Grant Applications
- CSES 5064G: Advanced Soil Microbiology
- DASC 6274: Critical Thinking in Bovine Physiology and Metabolism
- ENT 5024: Understanding Urban and Structural Entomology
- HNFE 5174: Nutrition for Sport & Exercise

Revised Graduate Courses {3}

- CSES 5634: Soil Chemistry
- ENT 6164: Insecticide Toxicity
- HNFE 5304: Principles of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice

The **CALS programs** listed below received final approval at the university level and were added to their respective catalogs during the 2020-2021 academic year.

New Undergraduate Degree {1}

- Plant Science (SPES)

New Undergraduate Majors {3}

- Ecological Restoration (SPES)
- Landscape Design and Turfgrass Science (SPES)
- Plant Science (SPES)

Revised Undergraduate Major {1}

- Environmental Horticulture (SPES)

New Master's Degree {1}

- M.S. in Agricultural and Applied Economics (AAEC)

Of three new graduate courses approved by the college committee and still in the approval process, two are being prepped for Graduate Curriculum Committee review and another is awaiting 15-day review in the fall. A Pathways minor is also pending.

As we wrap up our work for the year, I would like to recognize the service and dedication of the members of the committee this year: Jennifer Friedel (AAEC), Donna Westfall-Rudd (ALCE), Dan Eversole (APSC), Tim Larson (BCHM), James Wilson (ENT), Haibo Huang (FST), Dongmin Liu (HNFE), Ben Tracy (SPES), and Jennifer Jones (OMALS). Anna Taylor (AP Office) is the staff representative and provides administrative support. It has been a pleasure serving as chair this year.