

## CALS Governance Council Minutes

September 13, 2022

3:30PM – 4:30PM

Zoom

Alan Grant called the meeting to order at 3:30pm with a welcome to everyone.

**Council members present via Zoom:** Alan Grant, Susan Sumner, Dixie Dalton, Chad Proudfoot, Saied Mostaghimi, Melissa Wright, Tom Thompson, Brian Konkel, James Wilson, Susan Duncan, Matt Chappell, Stephanie Brown, Dan Goerlich, Susan Chen, Jennifer Jones, Steve Kleiber, Ed Jones, Gillian Eastwood, Vernon Meacham, Jamie Lucero, Susan Prillaman, Margaret Kenny, and Ryan Stewart

### **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:**

None

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Committee on Academic Program Policy:**

Jennifer Jones reported.

- Next meeting is scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Teaching guidelines will be discussed
    - Will be presented to Governance at a later date

#### **CALS Curriculum Committee:**

James Wilson reported.

- Individual curriculum representative meetings
  - ENT, AAEC, SAS, BSE, ALE, & SPES
- Curriculum review

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

Ed Jones reported.

- Potential chair for committee
- Promotion of non-tenured track specialist
  - Final stages of revisions

- Extension Program Peer Review Policy
  - Discussion took place
  - Motion was approved

#### **Committee on International Program Policy:**

Gillian Eastwood reported.

- Two meetings per semester, September and November this semester
  - Discussion points
    - The role of CIPP
    - Visa related issues
    - Study abroad
    - Involvement of Extension in engagement
- Worked with CALS Global on external review
- Collaboration with CALS departments regarding international activities
  - Research, study abroad, and international visitors

#### **CALS Library Update:**

No report

#### **CALS Diversity Council:**

No report

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

##### **Academic Programs**

Susan Sumner reported.

Undergraduate students in the college

- 2974 total undergraduate students
- Fall 2022 incoming class
  - 720 first time freshmen
  - 65 associate degree students
  - 85 transfer students
- Future student recruitment Open House Events on campus
  - October 1 and 2
  - November 12 and 13
- Important Dates
  - Fall Break, October 7
  - Thanksgiving break November 21-25
  - Reading Day, December 8

- Spring semester starts, January 17

There are 297 faculty teaching classes in fall 2022. Our faculty continue to be leaders in pedagogy research and faculty sharing groups.

CALS New Faculty Program for all faculty hired after August 10, 2021 will have their first event on Thursday, October 6.

### **CALS Global**

Tom Thompson reported.

- Global Opportunity Initiative 2021 faculty from BSE and Vet Med travelled with CALS Global leadership to Kenya and Uganda this summer to complete their GOI experience and link with existing and new partners in the region. We were also joined by one faculty member from AAEC, Ben Grove from VCE and Emily Wong from CALS Advancement.
- During this trip, we hosted an event in downtown Nairobi to feature the GAP Report and a regional analysis of agricultural productivity growth. We had about 60 live and 200 virtual attendees, and the event was a great success.
- Anubhab Gupta of AAEC has been named a CALS Global scholar for fall 2022, and will work with the World Food Programme Cambodia office to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of biofortified rice.
- CALS Global recently announced a new round of small grant funding for CALS and VCE faculty. The deadline for applications is October 7
- The 2022 Global Agricultural Productivity Report (GAP Report) will be launched at a special event, co-hosted with the USDA, on October 4 in Washington DC. We are expecting a live plus online audience of up to 500.

### **Research**

Saied Mostaghimi reported.

- 662 total graduate student enrollments
  - 47% are Ph.D.
    - University as a whole is between 30-33%
  - 11% increase compared to previous years
    - OMALS increased by over 9%
    - Ph.Ds. increased by 10%
    - Masters and OMALS master increased by 14%
- Grants and Proposals
  - Almost 50% increase in proposals compared to previous year
    - Least number of awards, which indicates the average award increased significantly
    - Surpassed \$50 million mark in total awards for the fourth year in a row
    - New record of \$54.3 million in FY22
    - Increased research expenditure over 11%

- Grant Central and your faculty
  - Southern Piedmont AREC contracted with Grant Central for a grant workshop
    - September 20-21
    - Faculty who can be PIs on projects through VT
    - 59 enrolled by deadline
    - Eight days with USDA NIFA and NIH
    - Same workshop offered in 2018 with a lot of success

### **Virginia Cooperative Extension**

Ed Jones reported.

- First Lady of VA
  - Chose 4-H Foundation and the FFA Foundation as recipients of year one of her special wine release
  - Proceeds to be split among the two
    - Supports work in our youth
    - Announced in Charlottesville next month
- Junior MANRRS Leadership Institute on October 20-21 on campus
  - CALS and CNRE
- Appalachian Regional Collaborative
  - November 3-4, Hotel Roanoke
  - Collaborative began as a three-state conversation and now has expanded to most of the middle Atlantic states
- Extension Youth and Family Summit
  - November 3-4
- General Assembly
  - State employee raises again
  - Finished commitment supporting upgrades
    - AREC equipment
    - IT infrastructure
    - Positions

### **Diversity, Inclusion and Equity**

No report.

### **Dean**

Alan Grant reported.

- New hires
  - Brian Konkel, CALS IT Director
  - Dr. Kevin Rice, Director, AHS Jr. AREC

- Dr. Arash Rashed, director, Southern Piedmont AREC
- Dr. Michael Gutter, associate dean and director, VCE
- Searches
  - BIOC department head
  - Associate Dean, and director, VAES
    - Saied Mostaghimi to retire April 1
- Annual picnic is Thursday, September 15

### **Announcements**

#### **CALSFA**

No report.

#### **Advancement**

Vernon Meacham reported.

- FY 22 Fundraising
  - Goal of \$6 million
    - Raised around \$9.7 million in new gifts and commitments
  - Beyond Boundaries goal met
  - University met it's 22 by 22 goal
    - Participation goal for alumni
    - Reached or exceeded the CALS portion of the goal
  - Student engagement goal was successful as well
- New positions
  - Joi Saville, assistant director of constituent relations
    - Engagement of 4-H and VCE stakeholders and alumni
  - Communication and Marketing team member
    - Maintain Extension and AREC websites across the Commonwealth
  - CALS LINK business development member
    - Focusing on corporate and foundation gifts
    - Major gift fundraiser for gifts of \$100,000 +

Motion made and approved to adjourn.

Crystal Tawney, Recorder