

CALS Governance Council Minutes
December 3, 2015
311 Latham Hall

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

Council members present: Ed Jones, Sandra Gabbert, Pris Sears, Jerzy Nowak, Mary Christian, Susan Sumner, Inga Haugen, Neal Vines, Bobby Grisso, Stephen Kleiber, Vernon Meacham, Jamie Lucero, Cathy Sutphin, Kumar Mallikarjunan, Ben Tracy, Mary Marchant, Chelsea Corkins, Mike Denbow, Isaac Magana, and Tommy Amal

Council members participating via phone: Maria Balota, Nancy Stegon, and Margaret Kenny

Approval of the Agenda:

A motion was made by Jerzy Nowak to adopt the agenda; seconded by Susan Sumner; approved.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made by Cathy Sutphin to adopt the minutes with one correction; seconded by Ben Tracy; approved. The correction was in Mary Marchant's update on the Global Safety & Risk Management office. The new assistant director's name should be Randy Penson.

New Business: Was discussed during the presentation of the reports.

Committee Reports

Committee on Academic Program Policy:

The Academic Program Policy Committee has not met.

Susan Sumner asked for two meetings to be scheduled.

CALS Curriculum Committee:

Ben Tracy reported on the CALS Curriculum Committee. They have held two meetings; one in October and one in November.

Courses approved: eight new courses with minor edits; two revised courses; approved new option for Food Science and Technology; and approved commas/name change for Human Nutrition Foods and Exercise to Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise; the commas were approved.

Committee on Extension and Research Program Policy:

Ed Jones provided the report in Mike Lambur's absence. A draft for the Peer Review of Extension Programs guidelines has been completed and the committee moves that the proposal be approved. A motion was made by Ed Jones to have this draft approved and

it was decided since this was the first reading to defer voting until the February governance meeting.

A brief discussion then took place for those that have read the proposal. Inga Haugen requested to be invited to this committee meeting to explain how the library can assist. The reports that would be generated by this review would be included in a Promotion and Tenure dossier just as it is on the instructional side. Questions and/or comments regarding this proposal should be directed to Dr. Ed Jones or Mike Lambur.

Committee on International Program Policy:

The update given by Jerzy Nowak

- On November 10-13, 2015 Jerzy Nowak and Erik Ervin co-hosted Dr. Tjeerd Jan Stomph (tjeerdjan.stomph@wur.nl; <http://www.wageningenur.nl/en/Persons/Tjeerd-Jan-Stomph.htm>), from Wageningen University, NL (WUR; <http://www.wageningenur.nl/en.htm>) who coordinates a highly regarded core curriculum course, Academic Consultancy Training at WUR. The purpose of the visit was to further the development of student exchanges between VT and WUR. During his visit Dr. Stomph met with academic programs administrators, Global Education officers, and potential industrial partners to be involved in the development of a similar training capstone course at Virginia Tech, and reciprocal exchanges of students and faculty between VT and WUR. The visitor also toured campus and CRC facilities and discussed approval and implementation of the VT-WUR Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Student Exchange Agreement (SEA.). During the visit to CRC we have learned from its President, Joe Meredith, that a similar student exchange, coordinated by Industrial Systems Engineering (Don Taylor)/CRC (Joe Meredith), exists between VT and Ecole des Mines de Nantes, France.
- Virginia Tech has been growing study abroad during Wintermester (a 25% increase in student enrollment over last year). This Year VT had 24 faculty lead programs/courses with 407 students and 43 faculty/staff. Destinations included: Antarctica, Italy, Australia, New Zealand, Dominican Republic, South Africa, Ecuador, Japan, Morocco, Costa Rica, Switzerland, India, UAE, Ireland, and Trinidad. Two of such courses were developed at CALS, ALS 3954 – Environmental Science, Health, and South American Culture, January 1-16, 2016 in Ecuador (co-lead by Matt Eick, Zac Zimmer and Renee Eaton), and AAEC 3954/5954 – Agriculture, International Trade, and Environmental Sustainability in New Zealand (lead by Joe Guthrie).
- Reminder: all faculty involved in VT study abroad programs must complete Study Abroad Faculty Leader Training offered by **Hokie Sentinel** Global Travel ([Faculty Led Study Abroad](#)). The next is offered on March 2 (Wednesday) and 4 (Friday). For information contact Randy B. Penson (rpenson@vt.edu).

Updates from the Dean and Associate Deans:

Academic Programs

Fall Commencement will be held on Friday, December 18th. The spring college commencement has been moved from Saturday, May 14th to 12:30pm on Friday, May 13th. The Academic Programs Office will be working with departments in restructuring their graduation activities in regards to this change. With this change it means the students will not receive a diploma while crossing the stage as diplomas will not be completed until Friday night. We will encourage them to have their diplomas mailed to them or the office will need to be staffed if the student wants to come by the academic programs office on Saturday to pick up their diploma.

Susan Sumner invited Inga Haugen to the first CAP meeting. CANVAS is moving forward and there have been quite a lot of faculty that have moved over to the new system. Dr. Sumner and Jamie Lucero are working on a committee regarding alumni mentoring within the college and will report more on that at the February meeting.

Virginia Cooperative Extension

The VCE Annual Professional Development Conference will be held February 1-4th.

CVC update. The campaign goes through December 14th.

CALS

Dean Grant gave an overall update on the college.

There will be a silent auction to support the CVC later this month.

Please read your Daily VT Email News as there are important and informative information within those emails regarding Beyond Boundaries, InclusiveVT, and the Destination Areas. Review President Sands message in the November 3rd VT News. The Destination Areas discussion is part of Beyond Boundaries. Beyond Boundaries is a large term visioning exercise while the Destination Areas are more of a short term, 3-5-year plan, to get the university on track for the large term goal as to what the university may look like in 2047.

Encouraged all to attend or live stream the Town Hall Meetings with Provost Rikakis.

Federal budget is still operating on a continuing resolution, but is expected to be resolved this month. The governor will be releasing his State budget proposal on the 17th.

Diversity Council

Isaac Magna and Tommy Amal spoke about Dr. Ed Romero's visit to campus in November. Dr. Romero encouraged participants to turn around the image of agriculture by reaching out and encouraging people to become more involved in agriculture; presentation was recorded.

Signature Events that are being worked on are the Diversity Showcase, University Enhancement Award, Brown Bag Discussions, and CALS Diversity Meet and Greet.

The council's focus will remain on education and training, community building, scholarships, service and outreach, and recruitment.

Announcements

Inga Haugen alerted everyone to the Scientific Writing Clinic, January 13-14, 2016, and if there are certain aspects within your departments that you would like her assistance on please let her know.

Chelsea Corkins, our graduate representative from the CALS Graduate Council, informed the group of the upcoming Hokie Day on February 3-4, 2016, as well as 4H Day at the Capitol on February 16th.

A Doodle poll will be sent out in early January to schedule a February meeting.

A motion was made by Kumar Mallikarjunan to adjourn and seconded by Ed Jones; approved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Crystal Tawney, Recorder