

Present: Timothy Smalley, William Vencill, Mark Harrison, David Riley, Janet Hollingsworth, Phillip Roberts, Robert Dove, Kari Turner, Dayton Wilde for Doug Bailey, William Tollner, David Buntin, Jill Rucker, Kimberly Siebert, Edward Ayers

Ex-officio – Josef Broder, Paul Thomas

Smalley called meeting to order at 1 pm. A quorum was not reached so action items could only be discussed, but not voted upon. Action items will be voted upon per an electronic ballot.

Dean Angle sent his regrets that he could not make the meeting.

Minutes of the 3 November 2011 Faculty Council meeting were approved.

Committee Reports

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

No report although it was discussed that a minor in Agricultural Leadership was being discussed in committee.

Undergraduate Affairs

Dr. Broder provided an update of committee activities. The committee is processing 27 applications for the Congressional Internship program. There were no nominations for the Outstanding Advisor award from CAES. The committee is discussing Meigs and Russell Professor nominees from CAES.

The committee is processing scholarship applications before the 1 March deadline.

Graduate Curriculum Committee

The committee forwarded a Masters of Soil, Water, and Environmental Sciences for Faculty Council consideration. David Radcliffe provided an overview of the goals of the proposed major. Jonathan Seymour and Dr. Broder answered specific logistical questions about the Ag-Idea program in particular.

Other Action Items

Cecilia MacGregor provided an overview of a proposed change to the CAES Faculty Study Leave policy. She mentioned that the goal was to have the policy better align with the UGA Faculty Study Leave policy. A question was raised as to eligibility. The policy states that all tenured, tenure-track, and public service faculty are eligible.

Kari Turner provided an overview of proposed changes to the CAES Faculty Council Bylaws. A discussion was held concerning public service faculty representation on Undergraduate and Graduate Curriculum as well as Undergraduate Affairs. A discussion of the old CAES Teaching Faculty Meeting was held. It was decided that it would be a good idea to have a general CAES faculty meeting at the beginning of fall semester for new faculty introductions and for faculty to get better acquainted.

New Business

Dr. Broder presented the latest student enrollment report. CAES enrollment is doing very well with a 9% increase over last year. For Spring 2012, approximately 50% of the UGA freshman enrolled in CAES.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.