College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 16, 2016
1:00 PM, 103 Conner Hall

Members present: Michael Toews, Jose Reyes de Corcuera, Christa Campbell, Ron Pegg, Mike Azain, Shavannor Smith, Tim Grey, Kerry Oliver, Juan Carlos Diaz, Brian Jordan, Jean Williams-Woodward, Elizabeth Little, Maria Navarro, Rebecca Thomas, Phillip Edwards, Tim Varnedore

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm and a quorum was present.

2. The minutes from October 28, 2016 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

3. Dean’s report and comments. Laura Perry Johnson mentioned: 1) hiring public service faculty that do not hold a graduate degree creates a problem for the college during the accreditation process, 2) the MPPPM degree is a critical tool for enabling cooperative extension agents to obtain a graduate degree, 3) there are currently 40 county agents enrolled in the MPPPM program, 4) CAES may want to consider something similar to the MPPPM with a focus on animal welfare and husbandry, 5) Georgia Counts needs to be updated with good data to be able to track our efforts, 6) the executive leadership at UGA wants us to document the economic impact of our extension efforts.

4. Standing Committee Reports

CAES Undergraduate Curriculum: approved 2 motions and a termination of the Undergraduate Certificate in Agrosecurity

CAES Undergraduate Affairs Committee: approved the CAES nominees for the Meigs and Russell Teaching Awards and forwarded to the Provost’s Office

CAES Graduate Affairs and Curriculum Committee: approved 4 course changes, a new course proposal, and a new degree program at the Griffin Campus

CAES Faculty Affairs and Grievances Committee: did not meet

5. Report from the President’s Faculty Advisory Committee: no report

6. Old Business

Council discussed logistics and timing of our meeting with the concurrently scheduled President’s Faculty Advisory Committee (PFAC) meeting. CAES Council cannot change our meeting time without compromising attendance and the PFAC time is not going to change. However, CAES Council has two representatives on the PFAC. Therefore, CAES Council agreed that we should encourage attendance by one of our PFAC
representatives at each meeting. Further, Council will move the PFAC update to the beginning of our meeting with the idea that any questions and concerns will be immediately transmitted to the second PFAC representative, who will be attending the PFAC meeting.

7. New Business

a. Proposal to terminate the Undergraduate Certificate in Agrosecurity passed by unanimous consent.

b. Proposal for an MPPPM degree program at the UGA-Griffin Campus passed by a vote of 15 yes and 1 no.

8. Future Scheduled Meetings: 02/15/2017, 03/22/2017, 04/26/2017

9. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm