

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2014
1:00 PM, 103 Conner Hall

Minutes

The Meeting was called to order by Dr. Mark Harrison at 1:00 PM.

The following members were found to be present either in person, via Tandberg from Griffin or Tifton or via teleconference: David Buntin, Amanda Smith, Michael Wetzstein (for Scott Jackson), Kari Turner, David Riley, Janet Hollingsworth, James Buck, Eddie Ayers, Robert Beckstead, George Boyhan, Mark Harrison, Mark Froetschel, Stephanie Butcher, Diana King, Cecilia McGregor, Tim Smalley, Jeffrey Dorfman, Gerald Henry.

A quorum was found to be present.

Guests present at the meeting included: Associate Dean Joe Broder (for Dean Scott Angle)

1. The minutes from the Sept 25, 2013 meeting were approved.
2. Dean's Report provided by Dr. Broder
 - a. Budget – Nothing to report at this point.
 - b. Provost Pamela Whitten started on February 1st.
 - c. Graduate Dean Maureen Grasso has announced her retirement.
3. Curricular recommendations from the CAES Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – presented by Robert Beckstead
 - a. The committee recommended approval of the Agricultural Education major on the Griffin Campus. The Council vote was unanimous.
 - b. The committee recommended approval of the Avian Biology minor. The Council vote was unanimous.
4. Curricular recommendations from the CAES Graduate Affairs and Curriculum Committee – presented by Michael Wetzstein (for Scott Jackson)
 - a. The committee recommended approval of the Area of Emphasis in Weed Science. The Council vote was unanimous.
 - b. The committee recommended approval of the Change of major name for Master of Agricultural Leadership to Master of Agricultural and Environmental Education. The Council vote was unanimous.
5. Report from Graduate Affairs and Curriculum Committee – reported by Michael Wetzstein (for Scott Jackson)
 - a. The Broadus Browne Graduate Research Competition is upcoming and the schedule will be distributed after it is developed.
 - b. 12 new courses were approved.

- c. The graduate education section of the CAES Strategic Plan was reviewed by the committee and recommendations were passed on to the Strategic Plan Action Committee. The two items endorsed by the committee were:
 - i. We propose that the distribution of assistantship dollars be competitive and/or used for incentivizing increased graduate student numbers or extramural support. It may be appropriate to maintain some legacy distribution, but the rest could be used to reward increases in graduate student numbers, credit hour generation and create a competitive pool to match extramural money.
 - ii. We endorse incentives/rewards for faculty that develop large graduate programs and/or excel at graduate teaching.

- 6. Report from Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – reported by Robert Beckstead
 - a. 12 new courses were approved.
 - b. A course based in Poultry Science has been approved for credit in the World Languages and Culture, Humanities and the Arts section of the undergraduate core curriculum. There are discussions about trying to get additional CAES courses approved for the undergraduate core curriculum.

- 7. Report from Undergraduate Affairs Committee – reported by Kari Turner
 - a. The committee reviewed nominees for the Meigs and Russell awards and made recommendations as to which ones to nominate for university-level consideration.
 - b. CAES Scholarship deadline is March 1st.

- 8. Report from Faculty Affairs and Grievances Committee – reported by Cecilia McGregor
 - a. Leave policy is being uploaded to the CAES website.
 - b. Grievance policy will be uploaded to the CAES website after legal review.

- 9. Report from Presidents Faculty Advisory Committee Representatives – no report

- 10. University Council Issues – The next meeting has been changed to March 26, 2014

- 11. Old Business – no old business

- 12. New Business –
 - a. Elections were held for the following University Council standing committees.
 - i. Committee of Facilities – Robert Beckstead elected
 - ii. Executive Committee – Jeffery Dorfman elected
 - iii. Faculty Affairs Committee - Michael Toews elected
 - b. Next CAES Council meeting changed to March 26, 2014

- 13. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Harrison