

Members present: William Vencill, David Riley, Eddie Ayers, David Buntin, Mark Harrison, Tim Smalley, Michael Azain, Jeffery Dorfman, James Buck, Amanda Smith, Guy Collins, Cecilia McGregor, Jean Williams-Woodward, Janet Hollingsworth

Others present: Dean Angle, Josef Broder

Meeting was called at 1:05 pm.

Chair welcomed Dean Angle for coming to share updates concerning CAES.

Dean Angle covered issues concerning the new UGA president, state and federal budget issues, and future opportunities for CAES. He mentioned that CAES is preparing priorities for a new UGA Capital Campaign based on input from the CAES Strategic Plan and individual departments. Finally, he mentioned new partnerships that CAES was pursuing with Qatar and Gabon for agricultural development.

Dean Broder mentioned that requests for Student Technology Fee funds would go out soon. This initiated a conversation about what suitable technology for connecting classes taught between Athens, Tifton, and Griffin. For many people, inadequate resources are available to support videoconferencing with Tandberg units. It was suggested that CAES sponsor a forum so faculty can exchange best practices.

Dean Broder also discussed funds available for graduate student recruitment.

Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Action Items

Area of Emphasis in Sustainable Food Production under the BSA in Horticulture was unanimously approved.

Area of Emphasis in Soil Science under the MS and Ph.D. in Crop & Soil Sciences was unanimously approved.

Since this will probably be the last meeting of the academic year, open seats on the Executive Committee of CAES Faculty Council were filled. Amanda Smith will fill the open seat from academic units and Janet Hollingsworth will fill the open seat for public service on the CAES Executive Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52.