

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Faculty Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 25, 2013
2:00 PM, 103 Conner Hall
Minutes

The Meeting was called to order by Dr. Robert Dove at 2:05 PM.

The following members were found to be present either in person, via Tandberg from Griffin or Tifton or via teleconference: Guy Collins, David Buntin, Amanda Smith, Brian Kiepper, Scott Jackson, Kari Turner, David Riley, Rachel Hubbard, Janet Hollingsworth, James Buck, Eddie Ayers, Robert Dove, Robert Beckstead, George Boyhan, Mark Harrison, Mark Froetschel, Jean Williams-Woodward, Stephanie Butcher, Diana King.

A quorum was found to be present.

Guests present at the meeting included: Dean Scott Angle, Dr. Kay Kelsey, Dr. Frank Flanders and Dr. Louise Wicker.

There were no minutes from the previous meeting to be approved.

Dr. Angle gave the following report.

1. Farms

- A. J. Phil Campbell was turned over to UGA this past week.
- B. The purchase of the Iron Horse Farm is complete and developmental work has begun.
- C. The sale of the Plant Sciences farm should close in December.
- D. The Wilkins farm is for sale at the right price, otherwise will be leased.
- E. Some ongoing renovation work is going on at Eatonton.
- F. There are no other land/farm sales being discussed.

2. Budget

- A. The College budget brochure has been printed and will be distributed in the next week. Faculty and staff should feel free to distribute the brochure to anyone who might be interested.
- B. The College is primarily asking for positions.
- C. The College is also asking for \$3 Million in Maintenance and Operations funds to be restored to the budget.
- D. An urban initiative has been started to contact urban legislators who will support agriculture in the state.

3. Green Houses

- A. The College has been notified that the construction of the Science Learning Center will require the green houses on campus be torn down.
- B. New green houses will be constructed on South Milledge.
- C. The Dean is working to insure that the new green houses are built before the current ones are torn down.
- D. The Dean is working with the Provost to address student transportation needs.

4. Faculty Hiring Initiative

- A. The 4th Faculty Hiring initiative is underway.
- B. The College had 7 proposals submitted, 3 were sent forward. These include one each from Poultry Science, Food Science, and ALEC.

5. Faculty Activity Reports

- A. A new system called UGA Elements is coming. Implementation date is not known.
- B. The new data base will be pre-populated from some existing databases. Most details are unknown at this time.

6. Ag Tour with President Morehead

- A. The tour went well and the Dean thanked all that helped with it.

7. College enrollment

- A. The adjusted enrollment for the College was down 1.4%. This was consistent with the decrease in UGA enrollment.
- B. The Dean has asked those Departments who had a decrease in enrollment to develop a plan to increase enrollment.

8. Raises

- A. The Dean has heard rumors about raises, but has no real indication as to what they might be. We will find out in January when the Governor releases his budget.

The Dean thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and for participating on this important Committee.

Dr. James Buck (PATH) was elected to serve on the Executive Committee.

Dr. Mark Harrison (FST) was elected to serve as Chair Elect of the Executive Committee.

Curricular Items from the Graduate Affairs and Curriculum Committee

- A. The Masters of Food Technology – Online was approved by the Council following very limited discussion.
- B. The Area of emphasis in Agricultural Education for the Master of Ag Leadership was approved without discussion.

Scott Jackson, Chair of the Graduate Affairs and Curriculum Committee reported that Michael Wetzstein (AAE) had been elected Chair Elect.

Robert Beckstead, Chair of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee reported that the Committee had considered 13 class proposals/changes and approved 10 of them. The remaining 3 had been returned to Departments. He also reported that Dr. Dennis Duncan (ALEC) had been elected Chair Elect.

Kari Turner, Chair of the Undergraduate Affairs Committee reported that Mark Compton (PS) had been elected Chair Elect.

There was no report from the Faculty Affairs and Grievances Committee.

There was nothing on the University Council Agenda that the Council felt it needed to discuss.

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There were no announcements.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Dove