

**CAES Faculty Council**  
**Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 1:00 pm**  
**103 Conner Hall and by Zoom**

**Membership:** Miguel Cabrera, Christa Campbell\*, Juan Carlos Diaz\*, Robert Dove\*, Phillip Edwards, Tim Grey, Brian Jordan\*, Fanbin Kong, Elizabeth Little, Nick Magnan, Brandi McGonagill, Maria Navarro, Kerry Oliver, Jose Reyes De Corcuera\*, Amanda Smith, Dan Suiter, Paul Thomas, Rebecca Thomas, Kari Turner, Tim Varnedore, Bill Vencill\*, Jean Williams-Woodward\*.

\*Executive Committee Members.

I. Approval of Minutes from the Previous Meeting

II. Report from the President's Faculty Advisory Committee

III. Standing Committee Reports

- A. Undergraduate Curriculum-Tim Smalley
- B. Undergraduate Affairs-Matthew Chappell
- C. Graduate Affairs and Curriculum-Miguel Cabrera
- D. Faculty Affairs and Grievances-Aaron Thompson

IV. Action Items

Vote on Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Food Systems

V. Old Business

VII. New Business

Elect Chair of the Executive Committee.

Elect Chair-Elect (Secretary) for the Executive Committee

VIII: Future Scheduled Meetings:

- 04/25/2018

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences  
Faculty Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 1:00pm  
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**Members present:** Jose Reyes de Corcuera, Nick Hill, Paul Thomas, Tim Smalley, Tim Grey, Kerry Oliver, Juan Carlos Diaz Perez, Jean Williams-Woodward, Elizabeth Little, Maria Navarro/Abigail Borron, Christa Campbell, Amanda Smith, Phillip Edwards, Tim Varnedore, Jeff Cook, Robert Dove, Dan Suiter, Nick Magnan, Fanbin Kong, Matthew Chappell and Elizabeth Slater

Note: Underlined members attended via Zoom

**Members excused:**

The minutes from the November 29, 2017, meeting were approved by unanimous consent with a motion from Robert Dove and a second by Nick Hill.

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Jose Reyes de Corcuera and a quorum was present. Jose Reyes de Corcuera welcomed Dr. Thomas, the President of the Faculty Advisory Council. Dr. Thomas provided an oral report to the CAES Faculty Council. His oral report included:
  - remarks from the President about carry laws
  - remarks from the Provost on impact statements and experiential learning
  - Elements and associated issues
  - The ongoing problem of raises and ways to make them more equitable
  - Issues of football tickets and new faculty
  - State of the University Report
  
2. Dean Sam Pardue was supposed to be in Washington DC to discuss the Peanut Innovation Lab but due to weather is in Athens instead. The Dean thanked the group for taking the time to serve and provide insights. Dean Pardue's update to the group was a quick overview of the budget ask and where we were to date. He also told the group there would be no raises with the money needed to sure up TRS. Student credit hours have increased over the last two years, from 2017 to 2018 they have seen an increase of almost 10%. These increases are due largely to the classes being offered that appeal to students outside our college.

Fundraising is projected to be the largest this year with a significant donation being made to rename a department and a couple of professorships. Stay tuned for those announcements. Finally, he mentioned the legislature's \$6.2M M&O dollars in last year's budget. They are hopeful this will be recurring dollars since there are 3 or 4 buildings that need significant renovations.

### 3. Standing Committee Reports

- CAES Undergraduate Curriculum report was given by Tim Smalley.
  - The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee endorsed 7 different Experiential Learning proposals. (See attached report for more detail.)
  - 5 courses have been approved. (See attached report for more detail.)
- CAES Undergraduate Affairs Committee report was given by Matthew Chappell.
  - The Undergraduate Affairs Committee has not met in person since the November 29, 2017, meeting but has judged packets for the Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award, the Outstanding Professional Advisor Award and a new scholarship program – Ratcliffe Scholars Program. (See attached report for more detail.)
  - The Vice-Chair for the Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Dr. Brady Brewer resigned from UGA and the committee is working to fill this vacancy.
- CAES Graduate Affairs and Curriculum Committee report was given by Nick Hill on behalf of Miguel Cabrera.
  - There have been 6 graduate courses approved as well as the Double Dawgs proposal-BSA Horticulture/MPPPM and a Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Food Systems. (See attached report for more detail.)
- CAES Faculty Affairs and Grievances Committee had no report. Jeff Cook was representing Aaron Thompson.
- Student Government Association report was given by Elizabeth Slater, the Undergraduate Representative.
  - Working on campus safety – they have made some head way but are on hold in other areas waiting on architectural guidance on how the lighting can be added.

- Working on affordability – working to make student fees more transparent
- Student perception is the hard sciences are better funded than the social sciences with resources and support. Some have no designed study areas and are in run-down buildings while others are in shiny new buildings with many amenities for students.
- Students felt like they should have had the opportunity to vote on whether or not UGA would be closed for the week of Thanksgiving. The President of the University is now responsible for the calendar.
  - Jean Williams-Woodard stated their committee is still providing input to the Vice-President's office related to the calendar. She also stated that the BOR dictated a 15 week semester not including finals.

#### 4. Action Items

Dr. Thompson provided a quick overview of the Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Food Systems and then opened the floor for questions and/or comments. Elizabeth Little sees this certificate as a social science versus sustainable agriculture and she hope folks won't see this certificate as fulfilling Sustainable Agriculture and being compared to other University programs outside of Georgia. Jose Reyes de Corcuera was concerned about the use of the terms real-world and practical. In addition, he feels like the learning outcomes need to be better spelled out example "understanding" is not measurable. There was other discussion about content educators and economists needing to be part of the team. A motion was made by Nick Hill and seconded by Kerry Oliver to approve the Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Food Systems with revisions. The motion passed.

#### 5. Old Business

##### **New Council Members**

CAES has conducted an election to fill the 9 upcoming vacancies on the University Council. The new members will be: Abigail Borron, ALEC; Kari Turner, ADS; Mussie Habteselassie, CSS; Kerry Oliver, ENT; Lenny Wells, HOR; Soraya Bertioli, PAT; Elizabeth Little, PAT; Harsha Thipparedi, PS; and John Bergstrom, AAE.

6. New Business

**Elect Chair of the Executive Committee**

At the November 29, 2017, meeting, Dr. Miguel Cabrera was elected as a new Executive Committee member. He agreed to serve as the Chair-Elect for the Executive Committee and was voted Chair-Elect. His position was retroactive to July 2017 and in July 2018 he will assume the Chair position.

**Elect Chair-Elect (Secretary) for the Executive Committee**

Dr. Robert Dove was nominated and approved by unanimous consent as Chair-Elect/Secretary of the Executive Committee with a motion made by Nick Hill and seconded by Kerry Oliver.

A motion was made by Christa Campbell and seconded by Tim Varnedore to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Future Meetings

- 04/25/2018

8. Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Report  
Faculty Council Meeting  
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The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee endorsed the following Experiential Learning proposals:

- CAES Ambassador Program
- Congressional Ag Fellows
- FABricate
- Georgia Legislative Internship
- Social Media Student Worker
- UGA Extension Internship
- Winegrowers of Georgia Internship

Following courses proposals were approved:

- AAEC(ENVM) 3300S
- AAEC 4730
- ENVM 4960
- AAEC 4960H
- POUL 4175

Submitted by Tim Smalley, Chairman

## **Report of the CAES Undergraduate Affairs Committee**

Presented to the CAES Faculty Council

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 1:00 pm

Submitted by Dr. Matthew Chappell, CAES Undergraduate Affairs Committee Chair

Since the last CAES Faculty Council meeting on November 29, 2017, the Undergraduate Affairs Committee has not met in-person. However, the committee has three points to present:

- 1) The committee was asked to judge application packets for two faculty/professional awards, the Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award and the Outstanding Professional Advisor Award. On Friday, January 29, 2018 the committee forwarded the names of those candidates deemed acceptable to Dr. Broder's office.
- 2) The committee was also tasked with judging application packets for the Ratcliffe Scholars Program. This is a new scholarship program to assist students with study abroad and/or internship costs. The names of eight finalists were forwarded to Dr. Broder's office on February 7, 2018. Interviews were then held with the eight finalists on March 1, 2018 and the finalists ranked by a four-person selection committee.
- 3) Vice-Chair of the Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Dr. Brady Brewer, resigned from UGA to assume a position at Purdue University. We are currently working to fill this vacancy.



College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences  
*Department of Crop and Soil Sciences*

Report from the CAES Graduate Affairs and Curriculum Committee

DATE: March 21, 2018  
TO: CAES Faculty Council  
FROM: Miguel Cabrera, Chair  
RE: Committee activities

During the last part of the Fall semester and first part of Spring semester, the committee approved the following courses and proposals.

AAEC 8260  
ALDR 7340E  
FDST 8160  
AAEC 8260  
CRSS 6360  
FDST 7160E

Double Dawgs Proposal – BSA Horticulture/MPPPM  
Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Food Systems

Respectfully submitted,

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