

October 15, 2009 Ag Faculty Council Minutes

In attendance: Rick Durham, Laurie Fields, Chris Barton, Chad Lee (by phone), Mike Montrose, Kim Spillman, Claudia Heath, and Lisa Collins

Old Business

A. Minutes from last meeting were approved

Laurie will send copy of minutes to Brooke to post on the website

B. Student transportation fees—Mike Mullin response

There was discussion of the explanation of holding back 20% if fees charged for field trips as a way of generating funds for general COA expenses. We all felt that students who are charged fees are being penalized because not all classes have a lab or travel fee. AFC thinks that a COA general fee should be charged to all students to cover light bulbs and other expenses.

New Business

A. Website

The committee did not meet. We will have a report at the next meeting. Lisa Collins did turn in the necessary form.

B. Rules of Procedure

The committee members divided up tasks and will meet next week. They will have a report at the next meeting.

C. Dean's Q+A Scheduled for October 27th.

Rick Durham will make brief remarks about changes in Faculty Senate representation. Dean Smith will remark about issues of importance to the College. Rick asked for specific questions to be submitted to the Dean prior to the meeting, both from the AFC and from the faculty at large. Some questions/concerns from the AFC: There is a perception that there have been more administrative hires than faculty hires recently. In what ways do state budget problems impact UK and the COA. What are the P+T changes?—specifically, there are concerns about evaluation criteria and the length of time that faculty remain at the Associate Professor level. Rick will request written questions from other COA faculty to submit to the Dean before the meeting.

D. Dean's guidelines for teaching overload

Rick read the guidelines to the committee. AFC will circulate the guidelines to COA faculty for comments.

Future business

A. Strategic Plan will be sent to the faculty for comments

B. Scheduling of the spring P+T workshop