

## **November 12, 2009 Ag Faculty Council Minutes**

In attendance: Rick Durham, Laurie Fields, Chris Barton, Ric Besson, Chad Lee, Mike Montrose, Kim Spillman, Claudia Heath, and Lisa Collins

### **Old Business**

#### **A. Q + A with Deans**

All agreed that it was a good meeting (the Dean responded to a wide variety of topics with candor) but attendance was disappointing (25-30 people attended). What can be done for better attendance? This is something to think about for next year. All agreed that Rick's notes from the meeting should not be posted on the website.

#### **B. Student transportation fee**

Rick cleared up the issue is the tax on the fee. No further action is required.

#### **C. Representatives to University Senate**

Steve Isaacs resigned. Lee Maynard replaces Steve. The next election is in the spring.

### **New Business**

#### **A. Recommendations to the Dean regarding teaching overloads**

This was circulated to all faculty. Seven responses were received. Faculty have raised points about faculty motivation, fairness, benefit to departments. In clarification, Rick stated that the Dean's guidelines are informal guidelines to the department chairs. Action needed: AFC agrees that the guidelines improve fairness. Rick will write a letter to the Dean stating this.

#### **B. ROP update**

The committee is working on a document to be voted on in February.

#### **C. Website**

Sandy Duff changed the format. Minutes from AFC meetings need to be posted and College committee memberships need to be updated. Kim and Laurie will follow up.

#### **D. P+T Workshop**

Claudia and Chris B. volunteered to help organize the workshop. It was agreed that we want presentations by Dean Smith, Associate Deans, and Area Committee Chairs.

### **Future Business**

College Strategic Plan