

## **Agriculture Faculty Council – January 19, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

S-301, Ag. Science North

**In attendance:** Brian Lee, Lisa Collins, Rebecca McCulley, John Strang, Keiko Tanaka, Lisa Vaillancourt

**Note:** We were one short of a full quorum, but no motions were made or votes were taken.

**Liaison:** Dr. Lisa Collins

**Guest:** Drs. Michael Goodin, Larry Grabau

**Call to Order:** 4:03 pm

**Order of business:**

1. General Interest/Discussion Items:
  - a. The name change email vote for the Dept. for Nutrition and Food Science was unanimous from AFC and has cleared the college.
  - b. The Deli in Ag Sci North is under new management and is offering hot lunches Tues – Thurs. AFC members asked whether this would be true during the summer (Collins is checking), and whether students can use their UK account cards (Collins said ‘yes’).
  - c. Collins reported that planned power outages will continue to have to be scheduled, that they are part of the energy savings program going on at the University level. They are difficult to schedule, but they try to get them on non-critical nights. They don’t know when the next one will be, but they are doing the best they can to make these as painless and problem-free as possible.
2. Fall Faculty Meeting Debrief:
  - a. Occurred on Sept. 30, 2011 in the Good Barn. People liked the location, attendance was good, but we need to consider religious observance conflicts with the timing in future years.
  - b. This was the first year that this meeting utilized video feed to Princeton and could have done Robinson Forest as well. Worked well at Princeton, but there was a time conflict with Robinsons Forest (other wise it appeared it would have worked there too).
3. P&T Workshop Update (Feb. 23, 2012: 9-11 AM) – Dr. Lisa Vaillancourt
  - a. Everything appears to be under control with this event. The speakers are lined up. It will be in Cameron Williams Auditorium. They will start sending out reminders at the end of January.
4. Agricultural and Technology Education Program – KY AGaTE – Dr. Michael Goodin
  - a. A short presentation was delivered that outlined emerging ideas about increasing UK College of Ag’s presence at the new Fayette County Locust Trace AgriScience School campus in an effort to attract these agriculturally oriented students to undergraduate programs in our college and to leverage opportunities in local (or state-wide) biotech firms (such as AllTech) to form a pipeline where we identify talented, interested students in high school, train them at UK, and get them into jobs in these firms (retain them in the state and strengthen our agricultural economic industries).
  - b. Dr. Goodin requested feedback on this general idea. AFC members were encouraging. Goodin asked whether we should try to bring new Ag Commissioner to campus to hear this idea and introduce him to the College. AFC members thought this was a good idea. One member suggested this be focused on getting him introduced to the College and discovering what the College can provide him and his team. Some discussion about whether Locust Trace will require research projects for their high school students, and that this could be a way to interact with them and get these students on campus.
5. Dr. Collins discussed new issues that have been identified within the College’s Rules of Procedure (RoP):
  - a. RoP states that staff specialists may vote in ag faculty meetings. Does AFC want this?
  - b. RoP has some discrepancies with HR policies (section II.B), which need to be corrected
  - c. Two sections in the RoP are confusing with regard to the rights of lecturers (Table 6 & I.1.b)

- d. RoP extends right to vote in AFC elections to extension, research, and regulatory specialists. Does AFC want this to stand (relates to 'a' above), and communication specialists are left out.
- e. Table G needs to make clear, via a footnote, that instructors are members of the college faculty but do not have nominating or voting privileges.

Discussion:

- a. AFC members asked how many specialists voted in AFC elections, but there doesn't appear to be data on this. Dr. Collins thought the number participating in voting is probably quite low. Specialists are staff and have bodies (other than AFC) that represent them in College governance. There was discussion about whether voting rights for specialists should be removed from the RoP.
  - b. Dr. Grabau suggested adding a column to Table G that indicates whether the categories listed are considered 'members of faculty' – rather than adding the footnote stating that instructors are considered members of faculty. This would at least give this category a 'yes' on the table.
  - c. Dr. Collins suggested that her group take the lead on making these changes and then circulate to Dr. Grabau (for changes mentioned below), then back to her, and then to AFC.
6. Dr. Grabau College RoP issues:
- a. Dr. Grabau recently discovered that the College Curriculum Committees have not been functioning as the RoP states. Namely, they have two curriculum committees (undergrad and grad), they have not been including an undergraduate on the committees, and the process for appointing these people to the committees has differed from the RoP (less involvement of the Associate Dean for Research than the document states). Dr. Grabau would like to make the RoP reflect what is currently being practiced on this topic, with a few additional changes.

Discussion:

- a. AFC members suggested that Dr. Grabau type up the way things are being done on this topic at the moment, with the additional changes that he would like to incorporate, and then poll the current committees to make sure they are in agreement that the current process is appropriate and working before these changes are submitted for official RoP changes.
  - b. Dr. Grabau commented that the title of his position has changed and that there are several places in the RoP that need to be up-dated to reflect this change. His position is currently the 'Associate Dean for Instruction' in the Office for Academic Programs.
7. February AFC Meeting – date to be determined
- a. RoP discussion will continue and potentially voted upon
  - b. Brian Lee asked us to think about names of Faculty to nominate for various College and University committees including: AFC (5 open seats – we need 10 nominees); P&T Advisory Committee; Appeals Committee for P&T; and University Senate and related committees.
  - c. Elections will occur late March to early April

**Dates to remember:** Feb. 23, 2012 (9-11 AM) P&T Workshop

**Adjourned:** ~5:05PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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