

Notes of Agriculture Faculty Council Meeting

May 22, 2013

Members: Attendance (Highlighted names)

Lisa Vaillancourt Outgoing Chairperson, Department of Plant Pathology	Mike Barrett, Current Chairperson (until April 30, 2014) Plant and Soil Sciences	Roger Brown (until April 30, 2014) Agricultural Economics	A. Bruce Downie (until April 30, 2015) Horticulture	Roberta Dwyer (until April 30, 2014) Veterinary Science
Ryan Hargrove (until April 30, 2015) Landscape Architecture	Krista Jacobsen (until April 30, 2014) Horticulture	Samuel McNeill (until April 30, 2015) Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering (video link to Princeton)	Sharyn Perry (until April 30, 2015) Plant and Soil Sciences	Anthony Pescatore (until April 30, 2015) Animal and Food Sciences
Jim Ringe (until April 30, 2014) Forestry				
Rebecca McCulley	John Strang Horticulture	Keiko Tanaka	Cory Walters	Lisa Collins

Location: 249 Barnhardt

Selection of Meeting Recorder: Bruce Downie volunteered.

Topics Discussed:

Lisa Collins: Senate minutes not be posted in a timely fashion. Whenever the Senate minutes are approved they are sent to Lisa Collins.

Mike Barrett: Comments on last minutes?

None.

Approval of the April 29 minutes.

Approved.

Mike Barrett: Made a motion for a “Roberts-lite” meeting approach. Moved. Motion seconded. Motion approved.

Old business:

Massive Open Online Courses = MOOCs

Rodger: Davy Jones has introduced new language dealing with MOOCs based on prior AFC feedback. MOOCs are: 1. Offered to public; 2. Not on transcript; 3. No credit.

Discussion.

Are there college rules in place to approve/allow these courses? With the new wording the Colleges are ultimately responsible for determining whether a faculty is offering a MOOC or a course.

Roberta Dwyer: Master Gardener/Cow College/Horse College are all offered to public, and a lot of extension courses might fit the definition of a MOOC. Asked to revise language to avoid including Extension.

Thrown back to colleges and have colleges and departments worry about it. Until it passes the senate don't worry.

Rebecca McCulley: How does an extension course get approval?

Jim Ringe: When appropriate, Professional organizations give their blessing.

John Strang: Master gardener – no industry push or approval.

Distinction: I am faculty from UK presenting a topic of my interest vs. I am faculty from UK presenting material on which I am expert with a UK endorsement.

John Strang: How do you say, "This is part of my extension duties."?

May just need a process to have some form of approval for UK endorsed courses.

Rebecca McCulley: Just focus on defining what is a course.

Rodger: No, apparently the Senate is redefining "a course" currently. There is no distinction between a guest lecture versus a course.

Best is to assume all offerings are a course unless declared otherwise.

Is this problem of defining what is a course versus what is a MOOC only related to faculty? How does it relate to guest lecturers?

The college has control.

We have access to the senate council meeting minutes.

If an offering is not officially UK-certified, will the University back you should some difficulty arise?

AFC members still express worries about Extension activities. UK's stance must be that "We trust the faculty."

Within Extension, there is currently no approval for offerings but you are authorized by UK to present in your area of expertise.

What about webinars? Are these considered courses or MOOCs?

There are two categories "approved" and "not approved": where do Extension offerings lie?

There are legal problems on horizon. UK Financial will put their opinion in to this eventually. Any FTEs directed toward MOOCs end up costing money.

Bottom line, probably having the decision of what is a course versus a MOOC deferred back to the faculty at the college level is as good as it gets so now we must define what a course and a MOOC is but....as stated above, until it passes the senate don't worry.

Update Dean Search.

Ag Faculty Council suggestions:

Open forum during interview process

We would be willing to help sponsor some of the activities surrounding the Dean search. The AFC members are placed on alert for volunteers to help organize such things as refreshments, passing out flyers.

Must ask for time for candidates to meet with Ag Faculty Council. If nothing else they will then know that we exist, what role we have. Perhaps we should/could come up with a list of common questions solicited from the faculty and presented to each candidate?

Lisa Valliancourt: Master Plan and Grad Housing.

Changes on campus. There is a website asking for comments on the Grand Plan for the UK campus.

General feeling is that Agriculture was left out of a legitimate place in the Grand Plan, lumped in with "Athletics".

Connectedness between Ag and rest of campus is deteriorating. Accessibility to the rest of campus and student course-to-course transport time must be addressed. Apparently, there will be more parking structures placed "strategically" around the outskirts of campus. Parking situation may improve or degrade because of it.

Graduate students and post-doctoral scholar housing

Cooperstown gone. Automatic housing shortage.

University trail. Leases with private companies to accommodate graduate students and post-doctoral scholars but at higher rates than were previously paid to UK controlled accommodations. Shawnee town and Greg Page slated for demolition.

Moving forward with private company housing. It is a done deal. It is going to happen.

Can we get a College housing center for housing international students?

Ryan Hargrove: Some spaces in Shawnee to be designated as international student housing.

Krista Jacobsen: International students require a community of peers with whom they can congregate for support so centralized housing makes sense.

Rebecca McCulley: We can approach the Office of International Student Affairs to rally behind bringing housing issue to the attention of the President. They will also have statistics on UK's International Student population, Average salary, duration of stay, when during the year they arrive, how many at any given time, etc.

Ryan Hargrove offered to follow up with International Affairs office.

New business:

Agriculture Faculty Council represents the Faculty.

New Faculty orientation, Promotion/tenure workshop.

Lisa Valliancourt and Lisa Collins handled Promotion/tenure workshop.

Invite Deborah Davis to attend.

Valerie Perry from Library.

Introduce them, feed them.

Lisa Collins will start organizing the Promotion/tenure workshop – **Roberta Dwyer offered to organize with Lisa.**

Classes don't start until August 28th, 2013. Mike will help Lisa.

Fall Faculty Meeting

Dean speaks to Faculty.

Mike will extend invite to Scott.

Lisa Collins will look for when all 4 Deans are available.

Pam handles refreshments.

Collect questions for Deans, get the questions to the Dean ahead of time.

Rodger: College-wide retirement parity for Dean Smith.

Mike: Special recognition?

Extend to staff invitation to fall faculty meeting.

Gorham hall to be booked.

Rebecca McCulley: Spring promotion/tenure workshop: Alter offerings? Seems to be working so don't change it.

Roberta has volunteered to take over from Rebecca organizing the spring promotion/tenure workshop

Next items:

1. Invite new provost to come speak to the college.
 Invite for spring after she gets her feet wet.
2. Meet with Senators?
 - a. Invite to one of AFC meetings?
 - b. They said they would send notes from Senate meeting to our website (see start of these minutes) (<http://www2.ca.uky.edu/deanaadmin/afc>).
 Hook Ernie Baily into doing this.

Last year, John Wilson met with us. Budget model, etc. discussed. Said he would take concerns back to trustees. Mike will try to organize.

These AFC meetings will be held monthly, subject to cancel. Is that okay? Yes.

Other business?

No. End of meeting.