

Ag Faculty Council Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2008

Meeting started at 10:05 with all members in attendance, except Mike Montross who had an appointment. Guest: Dean Smith

Minutes from September 24, 2008 meeting approved as distributed and posted on web page.

Senate Election

All complete. Bob Houtz and Sue Nokes
44% voter turn out

Deans' Fall Meeting

- Laurie has confirmed all arrangements for location, refreshments.
- We ran out of time to generate a list of questions for the deans at our AFC October meeting. Cheryl is going to revisit minutes for last years' list of questions.
- Terry will email a request to COA faculty for questions for the deans this week.
- We were asked to share the date with our respective departments to ask for questions.
- Cheryl will compile all the questions as they are received to create a list to share with the deans in advance.
- The Dean asked that we not have the deans do any formal electronic presentations but short presentations and then to focus the meeting on time for Q & A.

Rules and Procedures

- Terry shared edits of rules and procedures and went through them with us and created 2 subcommittees.
 - Performance Review of Faculty Section (Terry, Cheryl, Kim, and Laurie)
 - Balance of Document (Rick, Rick, Steve, and Lee)
- The Dean asked that we make haste and follow through to get these voted on and approved. If more changes are needed that are not editorial in nature, then we will need to get them back to the dean again.
- We will check with Mike Mullen to see where he is on changes with the curricular committee structure.

Term Limits for Chairs in COAg

- Dean Smith passed out the results of a faculty and chairs survey in the college regarding the term limits for chairs. He asked us to review a memo he will write that details the 6 yr term and process for reappointment to additional terms to provide support and rationale for the college process to the provost. He would like us and the provost to review the memo and provide feedback and then have it approved as an official memo to the college and be posted on the webpage.
- There was considerable discussion on this topic.

Support for New Faculty in the College

- The Dean asked us to plan an informal program/meal get together for new college faculty with the AFC for January- possibly in the week prior to spring semester classes starting. He will support this activity.

Next Meeting Dates

- Deans' Q & A Monday Nov. 3rd 3-5 PM Goodbarn
- Mon. November 17, 10 am location 217 TP Cooper Building

We adjourned at 11:30 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Cheyl A. Mims