College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Faculty Executive Committee
Friday, November 6, 2015, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Minutes

Present – Adam Contreras, Zhe Chen, Mary Delany, Helen Dillard, Linda Harris, Alan Hastings, Ben Houlton, Emilio Laca, Ed Lewis, Kalen Kasraie, Toby O’Geen, Alison Van Eenennaam, Huaijun Zhou

Absent – Patrick Brown, Sue Ebeler, Deborah Golino, Ermias Kebreab, David Mills, Ron Tjeerdema

Consent Items
A motion was made by Lina Harris and seconded by Ben Houlton to approve (1) the minutes from the October 9, 2015 meeting and (2) proposed change to the (a) Environmental Policy Analysis & Planning major, (b) Landscape Architecture major, and (c) Wildlife, Fish & Conservation Biology major. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Executive Council
Emilio Laca gave an update on topics discussed at the recent Executive Council meeting:
- The review of the Chancellor was concluded and documents were destroyed.
- The World Food Center will be conducting a search for a Director of Admission position.
- New task force for “Healthcare Choices” and “Staff Climate Task Force”
- Budget initiatives – 14 initiatives are being pursued with Governor.
- Transfer Pathways – concern about credits transferred
- Adaptive Learning – UCD Chemistry Dept leading role (Academic Senate has some concern with the lack of faculty participation to be followed by Andre.)
- Admission Process discussed – Main question: “How are targets set?” Perhaps guidelines will help.
- Class size issues – Concerns about how the budget model apparently drives larger classes. There was strong concern expressed about the degradation of the quality of education by following the budget model.
- New “Cyber Security Training” program in place. Requires 2 hours of training per year.
- Search Waiver issues from last year continue to be issues, and it was decided that a special committee will be formed.
- School of Medicine issue regarding a mandate put in place by their Dean’s office RE: student evaluations of faculty
- Mary clarified the search waivers procedures.

Other Chair’s Report Items

Reports
Dean’s Report
- Announced retirement party for Tom Kaiser, Dec 9th
- Academic & Strategic Planning process is going on right now.
  - 3 Dept. chairs co-chairing with weekly committee meetings
  - Report due end of year
• New $2 billion campaign year with 2 big ticket items (1) Vet Med Hospital and (2) new Chemistry building.
• Our college needs ideas that resonate with donors. Big building needs big donors otherwise college pays loan with interest and building costs are astronomical!
• Discussed “Big Idea” campaign from the Chancellor.
  o Would like all ideas even it not picked. There will be donors at all levels ($500, $5,000, $500,000), and the chancellor would like all ideas so she has a portfolio of ideas from which to target particular donors.
  o Visited with departments and shared examples of ideas she currently has collected.
  o Big ideas may be combined.
  o Each dean will get a portfolio of ideas that came from their college.
  o No idea is too small for the college portfolio.
  o Big idea email will be forwarded to faculty again.
• Update of INR task force that met with Specialist Advisory committee that seems to be on target

Chair Report
• Nov 6th Dept Chairs monthly meeting – in depth Faculty Equity discussion
  o Discussed the way overhead returned
• HR Campus issues – impact that the minimum wage increase may have on the departments

New Business -Three items:
• The first one, new Business Administration, will be discussed more at the next meeting because the Chair of ARE asked to be present.
• Library Committee – Discussed if this is needed… decided to stay with just a representative to report back.
• Program of international academic English which directly affects our college.
  o Training Academy would provide additional training for students but unclear how many students take the course.
• Discussed background and proposal for a new undergraduate Business Major and impact on budget. Carry over to next meeting when an ARE representative is present.
• Need to provide carefully written comments

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Seelye