College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Faculty Executive Committee
Friday, November 20, 2015, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Minutes

Present – Mary Delany, Sue Ebeler, Alan Hastings, Kalen Kasraie, Ermias Kebreab, Emilio Laca, Ed Lewis, David Mills and Huaijun Zhou

Absent – Patrick Brown, Adam Contreras, Zhe Chen, Helen Dillard, Deborah Golino, Linda Harris, Ben Houlton, Toby O’Geen and Alison Van Eenennaam,

Guests – Tom Kaiser and Richard Sexton

Consent Items
A motion was made and seconded to approve (1) the minutes from the November 6, 2015 meeting and (2) proposed changes to the Landscape Architecture major. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentation by Richard Sexton
Richard Sexton, chair of the department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, gave a presentation with concerns about the Graduate School of Management proposal for a B.S. in Business Administration. This proposal is posted on the Academic Senate Information System (ASIS) for comment from the Faculty Executive Committee (FEC), due by January 29, 2016, after which time, Undergraduate Council will perform its review. ARE chair Sexton gave a brief update on the current status of the Managerial Economics (ME) major, started in 1984 and housed in the department. It has a current enrollment of 1500 students, up from 1000 students in recent years. It is a program that works well with their graduate program and gives undergraduate students exposure to courses in core business training, quantitative methods and working with big data on an analytical basis.

Chair Sexton elaborated on concerns from the department, based on GSM arguments proposing a GSM business administration degree, noting that some items mentioned may not be entirely accurate. There is concern from ARE about the duplication of course offerings in the two majors as well as the duplication of the majors themselves, both to be offered on the Davis campus and that appear to be competing. Because the comment deadline to the Academic Senate was extended to January 29, 2016, there will still be time for the FEC to discuss this matter further. Details of chair Sexton’s talk are in a Word document posted on the FEC project sites on SmartSite and on the Academic Senate Information System (ASIS) website. A committee response will be circulated amongst the FEC members before being posted by FEC chair Hastings on the ASIS website. Comments from the campus FECs will be read by Undergraduate Council that addresses the academic site; administration will review the financial aspect of the GSM major proposal.

Report from the Executive Council
Emilio Laca gave an update on topics discussed at the recent Executive Council meeting:

- Benefits for faculty hired at UC Davis in 2016 and later are being reduced, in part, to save money, and there is concern about possible aftereffects. Currently, UC Davis faculty salaries are lagging 10% relative to comparable universities.
- Student enrollment systemwide may increase by 5,000 students. Attention is also being placed on transfer pathways and 4-year degree completion.
- Faculty are encouraged to disseminate their research and scholarship to the public by way of the Open Access Policy, which allows faculty to post versions of their papers to an open repository for public use, before sending manuscripts to publishers. Details about this policy can be found on the web: http://osc.universityofcalifornia.edu/open-access-policy/

**Dean’s Update**
Executive Associate Dean Mary Delany said she did not have an update. She did note that ANR has agreed to a salary equity adjustment for Cooperative Extension faculty, following similarly with the recent equity adjustment for college I&R faculty.

**Chair’s Update**
FEC chair Alan Hastings said a proposal is in the works by Angelique Louie, faculty director of the Undergraduate Research Center, that will try to engage more students and faculty in faculty research and help to get more hands-on undergraduate experience. The suggestion is to have students sign up for 99 or 199 course units for their work with faculty. If the student does not want the course to count as credit, then NC, meaning no credit, courses can be taken: courses 99NC and 199NC are being proposed. Chair Hasting said he may comment on this, on behalf of the FEC.

End of meeting.

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