

College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences Minutes
Faculty Council Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2003 - 10:30AM- 2:00 PM - Rm. 105, Agric. Admin. Bldg., Columbus

Members present: Steve Prochaska (Chair), Peter Thomison (Vice Chair), Daral Jackwood (Past Chair), Joe Arvai, Joe Boggs, Larry Libby, Rose Fisher Merkwowitz, Gwen Wolford, Howard Zhang, Grady Chism (college rep. to Univ. Senate), Richard Moore, David Zartman, Chris Penrose, Gonul Kaletunc, and Bobby Moser.

Steve Prochaska opened the meeting and asked everyone to introduce himself or herself and tell who they represent. He mentioned that the minutes from the April 11 meeting were approved via email and posted on the web site. Steve provided a brief overview of the purpose and function of FAES Faculty Council

Extension field faculty participation in University Senate. Gwen Wolford passed out a draft proposal to the University Senate from the Faculty Council of the College of Food Agricultural and Environmental Sciences to amend Rule 3335-17-04, Appointment of Faculty Members. Gwen discussed the proposed resolution and noted that it clarifies some of the issues concerning field extension faculty representation. This resolution, if approved by University Senate, will not change the number of CFAES members in the University Senate, but rather permit OSUE Field Faculty the opportunity to become members of University Senate and participate in the governance of the University on faculty matters. Following discussion, council agreed that the draft was appropriate with a few changes. David Zartman moved that the council forward the proposal to the university senate and Joe Boggs seconded the motion. The motion passed. Grady Chism proposed that the proposal be discussed at the upcoming Fall Faculty Meeting. Steve Prochaska indicated that he would distribute a “cleaned” draft of the proposal to council members with some background information on this issue which they could share with their home departments to prepare faculty for discussion of the issue at the upcoming fall faculty meeting.

University Senate Update. Grady Chism, FAES Senator, made comments on various issues being discussed by the Senate. These included the new president for outreach position, a possible change in the length of the summer quarter, and creation of a research faculty track.

CFAES Administrative Update. Dr. Moser discussed aspects of President Holbrook's academic plan, including plans underway to enhance the undergraduate academic experience and outreach and engagement. A new VP position for outreach and engagement has been created. Dr. Moser indicated that Dr. Holbrook recognizes that extension can play an important role in outreach programming. He gave an overview of new revenue generation strategies. He discussed entrepreneurial opportunities currently available to faculty and described how the Office of Technology Development can help in the commercialization of research.

Dr. Moser discussed college enrollment trends in recent years and indicated that it appears to be going up again after leveling off in 2002. He mentioned that some new programs, such as the construction and management program in Ag Engineering have been very well received by students. He noted that the ATI transfer program is working effectively. Regarding curriculum, he described the new PGM (Professional Golf Management program) as a new multidisciplinary program (between colleges – FAES, human ecology, and business) and its potential.

CFAES Fall Faculty Meeting. Steve Prochaska reviewed the upcoming CFAES Fall Faculty Meeting, Oct. 24. The focus of this meeting will be “A discussion of emerging issues impacting CFAES faculty”. Steve distributed a proposed meeting agenda and listing of specific questions and issues to be addressed, including the following: What incentives will be available to reward and motivate faculty? Will these incentives be available across FAES or only at the discretion of the department chairs? Define a productive faculty under RBB and the new Academic Plan. Will the FAES mission change as it relates to commodity groups as we operate within the new funding paradigm? How will faculty performance be evaluated under the new funding paradigm? Will the paradigm of clinical/research faculty be instituted within FAES? Steve solicited the council on the best approach to engage faculty in a discussion of these issues. It was concluded that small breakout groups would be the most effective approach by which to discuss these issues.

URS Issues. Daral Jackwood reviewed various concerns that the faculty have with the URS. Daral acknowledged past URS problems but noted that the system has been improved and become more user friendly during the past year. He concluded that the real problem faculty have with the URS system is that it is generally not up to date. He, along with other council members, mentioned changes that might be used to get people to provide input that is more current. Steve Prochaska recommended that Daral chair and form a subcommittee to explore modifications to the URS that would make it more useable and recommend these changes to Chip Steyer who has taken the lead on implementing such changes.

Untenured international faculty concerns. Joe Arvai informed the council that positions of some untenured international faculty who yet to receive their Green Cards (because of post-September 11 slowdowns at the INS/BCIS) are in jeopardy. The university policy is that only permanent residents of the US may be tenured; this now poses a problem in that the process to become a permanent resident often takes longer than the time to achieve tenure. As a result, some faculty members have had their positions (temporarily) terminated or changes to visiting scholar status despite the fact that they have been promoted. He noted that other universities (e.g. Univ. of Calif.) are not factoring in green card status during the faculty promotion/tenure process because of post-Sept. 11 delays. Dr. Moser expressed his concern about this development and its potential long-term impact on the college and indicated that the University was working to correct his problem.

The next Council meeting, which is governed by the bylaws, will be Jan. 16 or 23, 2004 depending upon the schedule of Dr. Moser

Respectively submitted,
Peter R. Thomison