

FAES Faculty Council

Meeting Minutes - January 24, 2003

Knox County Extension Office

Members present were Daral Jackwood (Chair), Steve Prochaska (Vice Chair), Erdal Ozkan (Immediate Past Chair), Ronald Hammond (Secretary), David Willoughby, Dave Coplin, Peter Thomison, David Miller, Rose Fisher Merkowicz, David Kelch, Ann D. Christy, Joe Arvai, Daney Jackson, Howard Zhang, Mike Davis, Bobby Moser, and Marilyn Trefz (guest).

Members introduced themselves, after which Daral Jackwood mentioned that a new agenda was being passed out. He then mentioned that the minutes from the last meeting were approved via e-mail and have been placed on the web. Minutes from today will be sent out for corrections, and following an Email vote of approval, will be placed on the web site.

Library of the Future Project. Marilyn Trefz discussed the vision for the new library for the College and the work of their committee. She mentioned that the committee made visits to numerous libraries, both at OSU and other universities. A draft version of their vision statement had been sent to us earlier. She went over their guiding concepts under which they worked from, including the idea of building a new library rather than renovating the old one. Their intent is to create a library/information gateway with an emphasis on integration of all College information sources. She then went over the various functions and services that the new library would do, followed by a discussion of potential partners for a new building. She went through a series of slides of potential locations and other libraries asking us to visualize its potential. She passed out a series of questions that will be asked of us in the coming week. She finished by answering a few questions.

Faculty Leave. A faculty leave review for Dr. Joe Heimlich was done by the Executive Committee of Faculty Council. A letter was written to the Dean's Office stating that the committee recommended approval.

Visiting Expert Proposal. A request for a visiting expert visit by Dr. Mark Roberson that came from Animal Sciences was brought forward. Steve Prochaska who chaired the subcommittee discussed it with the entire faculty council. Their subcommittee recommended approval of the request with a reduction of the honorarium to \$500. Moved –Prochaska, Seconded – Arvai. Faculty Council approved the request unanimously.

Visiting Expert Program. A discussion by a subcommittee on a program evaluation document for the Visiting Expert Program was held. Faculty Council feels that there was a need to capture the effectiveness of these visits. Steve Prochaska discussed a draft copy of an evaluation form. Daral Jackwood suggested we examine the draft on our own, and then send comments and suggestions to Prochaska. Faculty Council will then vote on the form at the next meeting.

University Senate Update. Ann Christy, an FAES Senator, made comments on numerous issues being discussed by the Senate. She first mentioned all the senators from the college along with the alternates. There are currently three vacancies for senators and three vacancies for alternates. Items of current discussion include STRS medical benefits, GEC revisions, addressing basic competency, and new capstone courses. She then discussed a request from the medical school related to caps on clinical faculty, which they would like to see eliminated. This request was approved by the University Senate. University bookstores have been abolished; all are now owned by Barnes and Noble. The Senate resolved to set up a committee to evaluate central administrators. A report was discussed on communication between Deans and faculty within the various units in the university. The CFAES came out very well in the survey. Restructuring in Arts & Sciences – the Provost is recommending an Executive Dean who will oversee all Deans of the various colleges. This Executive Dean will answer directly to the Provost. There was a small discussion of budget issues that came up in the Senate.

Old Business

Extension Field Faculty Involvement in University Senate. Daney Jackson discussed the issue of extension field faculty participation in the University Senate. This is the only group of faculty at OSU who are not able to serve in the Senate. He brought Faculty Council up to speed on what he has been doing, and whom he has been dealing with on this issue. Because of his leaving OSU within a short time, he discussed who needs to be taking the lead in proceeding with this issue. Members made comments on how important of an issue this was among extension faculty. Dave Kelch and Steve Prochaska offered to take the lead on this. Various aspects on how to proceed were discussed. The by-laws that would need to be addressed include 3335-17-04.b and 3335-17-08.a.1.

Web Site. Daral Jackwood mentioned the new web site that contains information on Faculty Council, including members, by-laws, and minutes of meetings. The web site is <http://cfaes.osu.edu/facultystaff/faculty.html>

New Business

Nominating Committees. Daral Jackwood mentioned the need to form a nominating committee to recommend two new officers for next year, vice-chair and secretary. Jackwood also suggested that this same committee serve as the nominating committee for the College's standing committees. The following people volunteered: David Coplin, Dave Willoughby and Howard Zhang.

Erdal Ozkan suggested that there be a new college standing committee, the Faculty Leave Committee, to handle requests from the administration. This would be a change from an adhoc committee whenever this issue comes up. Following a short discussion, the consensus was not to recommend such a committee. However, Faculty Council should

do more to publicize this activity, perhaps using the web site to make it more known to faculty.

CFAES Administration Update.

Bobby Moser would like a subcommittee to discuss the spring faculty meeting and to develop an agenda. A major item that will be addressed is the University Academic Plan and how the college will align with it. The subcommittee will be Jackwood, Prochaska, Ozkan, Hammond, Arvai, and Kelch. The spring faculty meeting will be sometime in May.

It was reported that the governor apparently has now signed an executive order for budget cuts. Administrators are guessing a cut of 2-3% for full year, so it might be 4-6% for the rest of the year. The assumption is that general funds will not be cut. However, line items for extension and OARDC might be on the hit list. The future year, 04-05, budget is probably "ugly". Moser discussed aspects of the budget situation now and for the next biennium. He has asked the chairs to start thinking about department budgets and the academic plan, and how to increase budgets for the next six years to meet those plans.

Moser mentioned that enrollments are up in the college

Other Business

The tentative date for the spring meeting of Faculty Council is Friday, April 11. The meeting will be in Wooster.

Faculty Council will take up issues of the OARDC vehicle use at the next meeting. Send any initial thoughts to Daral Jackwood.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald B. Hammond, Secretary