College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Executive Committee
Friday, March 2, 2012, 1:10 pm – 3:00 pm
Minutes

Present – Trish Berger, Chris Calvert, Mary Delany, Susan Handy, Jan Hopmans, Irtqa Ilyas, Karen Klonsky, Martina Newell-McGloughlin, Kevin Rice, Neal Van Alfen, Jeffrey Williams and John Yoder

Absent – Jessica Dam, James Hildreth, Mark Lubell, Dan Putnam, Judith Stern, Ken Tate and Diane Ullman

Reports
Chair Chris Calvert opened the meeting of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Executive Committee (EC). Jeffrey Williams moved to approve the consent calendar that contained two items: the minutes from February 17, 2012 and the approval by the Undergraduate Majors and Courses Committee to remove FST 108 as a requirement for the Clinical Nutrition major and the Food Service Management minor. Trish Berger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris said that the Academic Senate report on Athletics has been released. He will post it to the ASIS whiteboard. (Action item – Chris, Brenda)

Chris will circulate to the Executive Committee members by Monday, March 5, a draft response letter to the Academic Senate on the proposed merger of the departments of Biological and Agricultural Engineering and Textiles and Clothing. No new home has been found for the major nor has there been a possibility of a cross college major. He and Diane Ullman have been working on a letter that recommends closure of the textiles major. Currently, the major is temporarily suspended to admission. (Action item - Chris).

Chris announced a Masters pilot program by the Provost Office that proposes an incentive for distribution of money to the lead deans of the graduate groups/programs for students admitted above the three to five year average numbers in the groups/program. It is not clear at this point who will be participating in the pilot.

J.G. Madley has sent to the Executive Committee a draft revised CA&ES bylaws document. Chris will post this to the ASIS whiteboard and send a copy to the Rules and Jurisdiction Committee for their consultation. (Action item – Chris, Brenda)

Dean’s Update
Neal at the morning chairs’ meeting had presented a slide show about the strengths of commodity research in the college. He said he had recently been mining data to debunk the myth “why we are not valuable anymore.” Committee members commented that they found the information in his presentation useful and would like to receive copies of the slides.

Old Business
Chris is working on a draft response letter to the Academic Senate on the merger of Human and Community Development and Environmental Design. One of the points in question
is the proposed departmental name human ecology. Chris is open to comments from the committee and will present a final draft to the group later. (Action item – Chris)

**Action items**-
- Post the report on Athletics submitted by the Academic Senate to the ASIS whiteboard (Brenda, Chris)
- Circulate the draft response letter on the proposed merger of the departments of Human and Community Development and Environmental Design. Comments sent to Chris are welcome. (Chris)
- Finalize draft response letter to the Academic Senate on the proposed merger of the department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering and the department of Textiles and Clothing. (Chris)
- Post draft revised CA&ES bylaws proposed by J.G. Madley on the ASIS whiteboard and forward to the Rules and Jurisdiction Committee (Chris, Brenda)

Brenda Nakamoto