Frank Mitloehner, the co-chair of the Partnership to Advance Cooperative Extension (PACE) committee and also an associate professor in the department of Animal Science, gave a presentation about the PACE committee and the recent PACE dialogue sessions held in two counties (in the cities of Redding and Kearney) and on three campuses (Berkeley, Riverside and Davis). The committee was charged by Vice President Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Barbara Allen-Diaz with identifying strengths, weaknesses and suggestions for improvement in the ANR continuum of farm advisors, specialists in Cooperative Extension and agricultural experiment station faculty. The committee comprised of specialists and advisors from across the state conducted an electronic survey sent to farm advisors, specialists, academic coordinators and administrators. This was followed by the dialogue sessions that included an invitation to AES faculty. A total of 250 people attended.

Raw results of survey data and comments from dialogue sessions have been posted on the PACE website:
http://ucanr.edu/sites/pace2013/

Frank talked about some of the topics that appear to be emerging through survey answers and dialogue discussions. One point noted was about the changing roles of farm advisors, specialists and faculty and the need to redefine. The committee plans to analyze the survey and dialogue sessions and complete a report in summer. An update on PACE committee progress will be presented at the 2013 UC ANR Statewide Conference in Ontario, CA on April 9-11, 2013.

Consent Items

Motion: Trish Berger moved to accept the consent calendar that included the minutes from the February 8, 2013 Executive Committee meeting and the proposals to approve the changes to the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) minor and the Landscape Architecture (LDA) major. John Yoder seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
Expression, administrative oversight (as relates to interactions between Academic Senate and administration in certain areas of oversight), and classroom protest policy.

Dean’s Update
Mary Delany reported the provost has announced a campus structural deficit of 30 million dollars this year, despite the passage of Proposition 30. The campus will cover 20 million of this deficit and the other 10 million is being passed to the colleges. The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences has been accessed a 1.72 million dollar mid-year and permanent budget cut from its 19900 budget. Due to this cut occurring past the mid-point of the fiscal year, the dean’s office has decided to absorb the cut, using carry forward monies. Department chairs have been made aware of this cut.

The dean’s office is preparing the release of 12 faculty FTE positions for the third year of a four-year recruitment process to fill demographic needs in the departments. While hiring is happening earlier than some anticipated retirements and the college is above 40 FTE in its targeted balanced budget, carry-forward is being used to fill the current fiscal gap. The dean’s office FTE proposal for this upcoming year is due to the Provost on March 26. Meanwhile, the departments are being asked to send their programmatic FTE rankings addressing a five-year projected period, and the dean’s office is considering these recommendations.

College Visioning Committee
Mark Schwartz, co-chair with Dave Block of the College Visioning Committee, gave a report of committee activities. This committee has been charged by interim dean Mary Delany to identify the most important areas of emphasis for the future in the college and areas of needed investments in order to maintain excellence in core mission areas. Mark discussed ten areas of multidisciplinary opportunities that the committee has identified. He is asking Executive Committee members to email him their comments.

Action Items
- Send memo to the dean approving changes to the GIS minor (Chris)
- Send memo to the dean approving changes to the LDA major (Chris)

Brenda Nakamoto