

CALS Faculty Council 2020-2021

March 2021 Meeting

Meeting Date: 3-4pm, Wednesday 17 March 2021

Location: via Zoom

Agenda

1. Faculty Senate update (if required) Consent agenda for new degrees (Public Health), Election Procedures (issue with some duplicate voting) and request for more information regarding voting trends – colleges, faculty level, etc. Proposal presented for revising the academic calendar to allow extended orientation for new students in the Fall for feedback. COVID survey of faculty members, 45% of faculty respondents reported exclusionary/hostile environments, issue emerged with lack of knowledge of how to participate in shared governance – 46% unsure (38% of respondents from CALS). Solicitation of feedback on changed to faculty bylaws (mostly cleaning up and updating). Ombuds office closure? It is not closed, but is being reimagined/reconfigured.
2. Approval of February minutes
3. ALVSCE budget review information. Highlights are that research and teaching have done well and it was noted that units with no major or small majors have done well by teaching gen ed classes. Our teaching activities support both out teaching and research missions. Extension has suffered from inflation. Note that while other colleges may have to cut positions, CALS will not have to do this.
4. Review of new CALS multi-year contract policy for POPs. Proposed change will be to move POPs to 2 or 3 year contracts after an initial 1-year appointment.
5. Previous Business
 - a) Faculty Council representation for County Extension Faculty A survey of County Extension Faculty asking about representation in shared governance had 26 respondents (from a total of 38), 13 in favor of County Extension increasing their representation on FC to 2 representatives.
 - b) Faculty mentoring within CALS. Not limited to Faculty mentoring. Mentoring programs are already supposed to be in place for Faculty, although this may not be the case, or the current mentoring system may not be working well.
6. Any other business - What are the rules for being Graduate Faculty?

Next scheduled meeting: 3-4pm, Wednesday 28 April 2021