

Minutes  
Winter CFAES Faculty Council Meeting  
January 22, 2004  
12:30-3:30 PM  
Mt. Vernon

Members present were Steve Prochaska (Chair), Peter Thomison (Vice Chair), Daral Jackwood (Past Chair), Ronald Hammond (Secretary), Joe Boggs, David Kelch, Larry Steward, Rose Fisher Merkowitz, Harold Keener, Dave Coplin, Howard Zhang, Richard Moore, Gwen Wolford, Chris Penrose, Charlie Chern, Steve Slack, Tom Archer, Chip Styer, Ann Christie (CFAES Senator)

Steve Prochaska called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. After asking everyone to introduce themselves, passed out meeting handouts and other information. Prochaska noted that meeting minutes from the October 10, 2003 Ag Faculty Council meeting were approved via email. Changes to the agenda were noted.

**University Senate Update** - Ann Christy, University Senator from CFAES, commented on Senate activities. She began by discussing current senate representation from CFAES and named all current senators. She reported on a number of issues from their December 7 meeting. There continues to be a major issue with clinical faculty in medical health. The College of Arts and Sciences restructuring was discussed, as well as University Faculty Council evaluation of administration. Patterns of Administration were also a discussion topic. There was then dialogue on state funding for higher education and actions being taken. President Holbrook had talked about the Governors Commission on Higher Education that focused mostly with economic growth. There are five policy issues or options that she felt the university could get behind. Ann Christy mentioned those five areas.

**Report on Extension Representation to University Senate** - The CFAES ad hoc committee met with Stephen Pinsky of the University Senate Steering Committee, to give him Council's proposal and letters of support for a rule change allowing OSUE field faculty representation to the University Senate. . This committee meets to discuss Senate business and if appropriate where that business should be directed within Senate. After their review, Steering Committee may send this proposal to the Rules Committee. Upon that committee's approval, the proposal would then go to full senate vote. At the steering committee meeting, Ann Christy, and Grady Chisum gave a discussion on how CFAES operates. Ann Christy mentioned that she found no objections that should not be insurmountable. She discussed the various questions that came up during their presentation. Are OSU field faculty regular faculty? Do all field faculty teach formal classes? Do field faculty advise graduate students and produce peer reviewed publications? Is this like clinical faculty in medicine? Is the Sea Grant Program part of extension? She noted that they did not understand there is an actual Department of Extension in CFAES. She went over the various questions and how they responded to them. The next step in the process is a vote by the University Faculty Council. Steve

Prochaska mentioned that our own college had voted on the proposal and heavily favored it.

**Administration Report and Research Faculty Track Proposed by College of Medicine** - Steve Slack discussed three matters. The first area was the Science and Technology issues being discussed at the state level, especially as it relates to program redundancy across the state. Economic development appears to be the major driving force in the budget processing and evaluation. The college had contracted with Battelle to review the OARDC, looking at economic issues within the center. Steve Slack passed around the report that came out of Phase 1, which was highly complimentary of the input of OARDC on Ohio's economy and concomitantly job creation. Steve Prochaska asked how to get copies of the report to pass to their clientele. Steve Slack then went on to the second issue, research faculty track being brought by the College of Medicine. A Q&A handout put together by Medicine was discussed. Medicine is seeking support from other colleges, and thus, Bob Moser is seeking advice and input on this subject. Steve Slack went over the various issues concerning this request. If this were to be approved, it would cut across the university and possible CFAES. Steve Prochaska asked the group for a general consensus as to whether we should support Medicine in this effort. The general thought was to take a neutral stance, not strongly in support or against. The third issue brought up was that Bob Moser has put together a Guiding Coalition committee to look at directions the college is going and some of the future priority issues or areas. Steve Slack mentioned the general four priority issues that will be examined.

**Review of 2003 Fall Faculty Meeting and Planning for 2004** – Steve Prochaska handed out notes from the discussion questions that were discussed at the faculty meeting. He asked Daral Jackwood for some general comments about the meeting. Afterwards, the council discussed aspects of the meeting, the topics, meeting time, etc. It was mentioned that we would still like to have President Holbrook come and meet with the faculty. Various dates for the fall faculty meeting were discussed.

**Update on URS Issues** – Daral Jackwood made some opening statements, and then turned it over to Chip Styer. Without going into specific details, he discussed the general purpose of the system, which is primarily the administration's ability to get information very quickly and transparently. He gave a brief history of the system and changes already made. The group then discussed various aspects of its usage, worth, etc, and made various suggestions for changes. We need to relate importance of URS to our constituents and provide input to Chip Styer on possible ways to improve the system.

**Nominating Committee** – Daral Jackwood gave a report on what the committee does. A sub-committee will be formed and will meet before the spring fall council meeting to develop a slate of candidates. Joe Boggs and Peter Thomison volunteered to serve on the committee. The Nominating Committee was also asked to provide names for Bob Moser for College Standing Committees.

**Update on OARDC Car Policy** – Ron Hammond passed out the report from the Motor Pool Advisory Committee. There were four suggestions made by the committee, which

were accepted by Steve Slack. The primary one is that travel between Wooster and Columbus will no longer have any charges, no matter what the purpose or the number of people in the car.

**Spring Meeting of Faculty Council** - The Spring Meeting of Ag Faculty Council will be held **April 16, from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM, in Room 111 in the Fisher Auditorium** at OARDC in Wooster.

Respectively submitted  
Ronald B. Hammond