

**DAFVM Senate Meeting
Minutes
2:30 pm. September 8, 2022**

DAFVM Faculty Senate Member Attendees:

Basu, Priyadarshini (Priya), Camp, Jason, Correa, Sandra, Gholson, Drew, Hardman, Alisha, Jack, Skip, Jaffe, Michael, Knight, Tricia, Lee, Alison, Lemus, Rocky, Li, Tongyin, Maples, Will, Mathews, Rahel, Melanson, Rebecca, Poudel, Krishna, Rios, Leyla, Stone, Amanda, Vance, Carrie, Yan, Lifang

Excused: Howell, George (Trey), Nanduri, Bindu

Absent: Acharya Adhikari, Pratima, Barnes, James, Fulford, Charles (Taze), Grala, Robert, Grissett-Hartwick, Gretchen, Karunakaran, Ganesh Kumar, Lee, JuYoung, Lloyd, Debra, Yu, Fei

Call to Order-Meeting called to order by Dr. Stone.

Roll Call-Recorded by Dr. Jason Camp

Approval of May 2022 Minutes

- Without objection minutes were approved as presented.

Standing Committee Reports:

Office of the Vice President: Dr. Keith Coble

- MSU Extension Director Dr. Gary Jackson named Associate Vice President for Outreach and Engagement. Dr. Steve Martin appointed as interim Extension Director.
- Dr. Kent Hoblet, Dean of College of Veterinary Medicine has announced plans to transition back to faculty role. He will continue as Dean until replacement has been named. Dr. Scott Willard will Chair the search.
- 14 different visitor groups (Ex. Congressional Delegations) are expected to between now and December.
- Grants and Contracts are up 17% over last year.
- Journal articles are up 14% over last year.
- The University Research Awards are now in November. There are new award categories, and the deadline is September 15.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences: Dr. Scott Willard

- Preliminary Enrolment Numbers: 2,103 Undergraduate, 442 Graduate. This only down 10 students from previous year. Numbers will not be official until November.
- Ag Econ search has been completed with Dr. John Fox starting November 1.
- Poultry Science search is currently holding interviews.
- Delta R&EL: Interviews scheduled
- Animal and Dairy Science: Position has been advertised
- Food Science and Health Promotion: Pending

- Central MS R&E: Dr. Surrette has accepted a position with MSU as associate Extension professor of environmental education with Angus Catchot serving as interim.
- Dean of College of Veterinary Medicine search committee being assembled
- P&T process underway in the new system.
- Every department needs to complete their review of the P&T process to reflect changes by the end of the semester. Current Instructors will have a one-time process for the initial year.

CFR & FWRC Dr. Wes Burger:

- Enrollment has returned to pre-covid levels: 607 total students. (438 undergraduate, 169 Graduate students)
- 52 total faculty with 7 being new.
- New position created focused on student recruitment.
- Reinstated the Faculty mentor program.
- The comment period is open for the new tool to allow students to view GPA & Question 10 from the student evaluation instrument. Comment period will close October 1.
- Alumni Tailgate will be held October 8th

Extension Dr. Steve Martin

- Dr. Curt Lacy will serve as the interim Associate Director for County Operation
- Lauren Carden is serving as the Administrative Assistant to Dr. Martin.
- A second new agent orientation is being planned for September.
- 4-H Day is September 24th with a tailgate 3 hours before kick-off.
- October will be the Annual Extension Conference. Award applications have been extended until September 16th.

New Business

- President Stone has presented the idea of DAFVM Senate creating an initiative to work together on. The idea of a DAFVM Symposium was discussed. Dr. Stone will be polling members with options.

Adjourn

- Motion: Dr. Hardman; 2nd Dr. Lemus.