

DAFVM Senate Meeting Minutes April 13, 2023

DAFVM Faculty Senate Member Attendees: Basu, Priyadarshini (Priya); Correa, Sandra; Hardman, Alisha; Jack, Skip; Jaffe, Michael; Knight, Tricia; Lee, Alison; Lemus, Rocky; Melanson, Rebecca; Poudel, Krishna; Rios, Leyla; Stone, Amanda; Vance, Carrie

Excused: Bekah, Sparks; Camp, Jason; Lee, JuYoung; Mathews, Rahel

Absent: Acharya Adhikari, Pratima; Barnes, James; Fred Franca; Fulford, Charles (Taze); Gholson, Drew; Grala, Robert; Grissett-Hartwick, Gretchen; Howell, George (Trey); Jeff Wilson; Karunakaran, Ganesh; Kumar; Li, Tongyin; Lloyd, Debra; Maples, Will; Nanduri, Bindu; Popescu, George; Yu, Fei

Call to Order-Meeting called to order by Amanda Stone

Roll Call-Recorded by Dr. Jason Camp

Approval of Minutes

- Without objection minutes from the March 2023 meeting were approved as presented.

Presentation by Dr. Jamie Larson, Interim Assistant Director, Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, on lessons she has learned in the role related to research administration. Dr. Larson solicited feedback from Senators on what would free up time and allow for more proposals and research. Senators are encouraged to watch the Zoom recording of valuable information shared on Grants and Contracts.

Standing Committee Reports:

Office of the Vice President:

- The Legislative session has ended. An additional 13 million was received for Dorman Hall renovations. Separately funded units received an increase but not as much as requested. Raises are anticipated but unsure of the amount. One-time funding was received for Ballew Hall to start the preparation to renovate Bost.
- The University held the Transformational Change announcement this week.
- The CVM search process is ongoing.
- The Extension Director search is beginning very soon.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences & MAFES:

- The landscape Architecture Head search should be starting soon.
- Central R&E Search Committee will be formed soon.
- Planning is ongoing to relocate labs at offices during the Dorman renovation.
- Recently had meetings with Alcorn State University to discuss partnerships.
- Watermark will be used again but the College for P&T.

CFR & FWRC:

- Graduation is coming up and would like to encourage faculty to show up.
 - May 10-PhD Hooding Ceremony
 - May 12-6:30 pm Main Ceremony
- Several searches are underway.
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College of Veterinarian Medicine

- The search process is ongoing. Please complete the evaluations.
- CVM would like to collaborate with others for research proposals and partnerships.
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Extension

- Extension received a 2.7% increase in funding.
- Several searches are underway.

Holland Faculty Senate

- Senate Meeting Friday.

New Business

- Please let Amanda Stone know if you are being replaced next year.
- Elections will be held this month.
- Tricia Knight brought forward an issue with using the pro-card and businesses wanting to charge a convenience fee.
- The last meeting of the year will be May 11, 2023.

Adjourn

- Motion: Alison Lee; 2nd Poudel Rahel