

**DAFVM Senate Meeting  
Minutes  
2:30 pm. February 9, 2023**

**DAFVM Faculty Senate Member Attendees: Acharya Adhikari, Pratima**

Basu, Priyadarshini (Priya); Camp, Jason; Correa, Sandra; Fred Franca; Grissett-Hartwick, Gretchen; Hardman, Alisha; Howell, George (Trey); Jack, Skip; Jeff Wilson; Knight, Tricia; Lee, Alison; Lemus, Rocky Lloyd, Debra; Mathews, Rahel; Stone, Amanda; Melanson, Rebecca; Poudel, Krishna; Yu, Fei

**Excused:** Jaffe, Michael; Li, Tongyin; Rios, Leyla; Vance, Carrie; Nanduri, Bindu

**Absent:** Barnes, James; Bekah, Sparks; Fulford, Charles (Taze); Gholson, Drew; Grala, Robert; Karunakaran, Ganesh Kumar; Lee, JuYoung; Maples, Will; Nanduri, Bindu; Popescu, George; Stone, Amanda

**Call to Order-**Meeting called to order by Amanda Stone

**Roll Call-**Recorded by Dr. Jason Camp

**Approval of Minutes**

- January minutes correction-It was noted that Krishna Poudel was present for the January meeting. Seeing no other corrections, the January minutes were approved as corrected.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Office of the Vice President:**

- Reported that MSU ranked #11 in the recent HERD rankings.
- The division recently had a Safety Taskforce to look at safety and concerns within the division. They are currently reviewing recommendations and will focus more on documenting training that is already taking place, new training that may be needed, and communication. Rocky Lemus asked Dr. Brown to seek an update on where we are with the Bio Security aspects of South Farm.
- The roll out for the University transformational change will happen April 11<sup>th</sup>. As part of the process, We Ring True will be replaced with Taking Care of What Matters.
- ADS Search Update. Feedback is currently being compiled from final 2 candidates who were brought back to campus.
- CVM search is underway and on campus announcements will be made soon.

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences & MAFES: (Email Report)**

- CALS hosted its annual Academic Insight this past Saturday, and the turnout was excellent. In February 2020 (in COVID's infancy), we had 170 students attend, but in 2021, we only had 93 and last year we had 129. This year we had 149, so we are getting back to our pre-COVID level.

- This afternoon, CALS is hosting a Career Expo Social for our students with interested employers. We have 11 employers and 60 students registered. In the Fall, we are planning to host a CALS-specific Career Expo that will be held several weeks after the University Career Expo. Several departments on campus already hold similar events with great success.
- We are hosting the World Food Prize Mississippi Youth Institute on the morning of Friday, March 3. This event will bring over 60 high school students from across the state to campus to discuss their proposed solutions to global issues. This event will also include the Charles Lindley Lecture, and the speaker will be Dan Gustafson with FAO.
- CALS/MAFES award nominations are open until February 17. The Senators are encouraged to nominate folks from their respective units.

#### **CFR & FWRC:**

- Record attendance for Academic Insight Days
- Forest Supervisor leaving the university and the position will soon be advertised.
- The Mid South Forestry Show that is held every other year will be September 22-23, 2023.
- Both Diversity positions have been filled.

#### **College of Veterinarian Medicine**

- No Report

#### **Extension**

- Sale of Champions was held today and the Dixie National had great participation.
- Poultry Science Head is now in place.
- Extension Agent Orientation Roundtable will be held February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- March 3-5 Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Conference will be March 3-5 with tours being held on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- PAC meetings are coming up.
  - Verona February 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Raymond February 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Biloxi February 23<sup>rd</sup>
- CTO Head Randy Lopper has retired. Steve Hankins has been named the Interim.

#### **Holland Faculty Senate**

- Meeting will be held February 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **New Business**

- Amanda Stone discussed the lack of input for the proposed DAFVM Symposium. Sandra Correa would like to revisit the idea in the Fall. Tricia Knight suggested it could be held every other year.
- Two topics for future meetings was suggested:
  - Leadership Tips for Advancing Careers

- Tour of the Meat Lab, ADS, and Poultry buildings.
- Officer Elections are coming up and all members are encouraged to consider serving.
  - **Information from Bylaws:** “Officers of the Senate shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, who shall be elected electronically after the April meeting. Election to these offices requires a simple majority vote of the Senate membership. These officers shall serve for a period of one year (July 1 through June 30) and shall not be eligible for election to more than two consecutive terms in a three-year period.”

### **Adjourn**

- Motion: Rocky Lemus; 2<sup>nd</sup> Krishna Poudel