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ALEC Faculty Meeting

Minutes

September 4, 2015

Present: Stacey Agnew, Mark Balschweid, Lloyd Bell, Kathy Bennetch, Karen Cannon, Nathan Conner, Mike Farrell, Mike Forsberg, Mary Garbacz, Jenny Gravely, Jennifer Greenlee, Lindsay Hastings, Jamie Loizzo, Tiffany Luethke, Eric Knoll, Gina Matkin, L.J. McElravy, Beth Merkel, Sarah Mullen, Roddy Spangler, Jaye Stentz, Brooke Talbott and Roger Terry.

Guest: Dean Steve Waller

Dean Waller opened the meeting talking about the APR Board of Review process which ALEC will be doing in April 2016. The review should:

- Give a preview of who ALEC is and what ALEC does
- Give an inside look of ALEC
- Future focused
- What should be built on in the next 5-10 years
- How to engage colleagues
- Program development efforts

Balschweid said the various ALEC program leaders will be the point person for their programs and will compile all the institutional data for the report to the Review Team.

Promotion and Tenure Committee – Bell reported that the ALEC Promotion & Tenure Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks (before the end of September) and then in turn meet with those on tenure track positions and explain some of the requirements and expectations so they all have equal understanding of that process.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee – Terry reported the next meeting is September 18th and has already received several items for the agenda. Deadline changes for the 2016-17 bulletin are in December and February so back up from there to get all the approvals.

Graduate Committee – Matkin mentioned the next meeting date is September 18th. Welcome to Kate McCain, new graduate assistant in ALEC.

Faculty Advisory Council – Hastings reported this committee met a week before classes started to develop their goals for this year. This will be the year of faculty engagement. Hastings outlined what FAC is:

- Every department has a faculty representative serving on FAC
- All Deans and Associate Deans attend
- A chance for the faculty voices to be heard by the Deans and Administrators

Activity Insight has been changed so you can now report activities relative to service, i.e. volunteering to be on a committee.

CASNR Curriculum Committee – McElravy indicated this committee is discussing whether or not CASNR should still be offering AGRI 271 – An Introduction to Computer Applications in Agriculture (3 credits). If anyone feels strongly that it is necessary please let Dr. McElravy know.

Grants – Balschweid pulled grant activity from New Grant or with the help of the Agricultural Research Division and listed the totals on the back of the agenda. If you have information to add, please let Dr. Balschweid know.

Announcements – North Central AAAE Conference is October 1-2 in Minneapolis, MN and van travel arrangements were discussed.

The October Faculty meeting was changed to October 9th.

Bennetch indicated that the Gift Fund is getting low on funds. Donations would be appreciated. Donations are to help cover the cost of purchasing flowers/gift cards/cards.