

Department Heads Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 29, 2008  
10:30 a.m. Room 297

Members Present:

Martha Archuleta, Mark Anderson, LeRoy Daugherty, Brenda Seevers for Tom Dormody, Craig for Natalie Goldberg, Joe Graham, Janet Green, Wendy Hamilton, Wes Holley, Steve Loring, John Mexal, Tim Nesbitt, Octavio Ramirez, Tracey Sterling, Tim Ross, Dave Thompson, Barbara Wise

Members Absent:

Chris Allison, Lowell Catlett, Jeanne Gleason, Ron Gurley, Paul Gutierrez, Frank Hodnett, Greg Mullins, Raul Valdez

Guests:

Terry Canup

1. Approval of Minutes from 12-1-08
  - Corrected and approved.
2. Faculty Senate Update
  - Tracy Sterling: Three memorials passed in Viewing a Wider World; Long Ranch committee met to discuss two proposals. 1st one is the FWLS name change to Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology and receive a due pass. It will now go to full Senate on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> for full discussion. Need Deans at this meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> is a new major in Natural Resources in Economic policy. Was table and will discuss at next meeting; CAHE P & T Action team made progress on the new draft and will be posted soon; There is a position open for faculty on the following committee – Budget , Conflict of Interest, Stability & Climate Change, Task Force and Univ. Diversity Committee.
3. CAHE Name Change Review
  - Dr. Holley: Name change went to ADAC. College of Arts & Science and Engineering has concerns about using Environmental Science. Holley will go around to the other Colleges to discuss the name change.
4. Graduate Degrees Names Change
  - John Mexal: Discussed changing names of graduate degrees from Agronomy & Horticultural to PES to match the name of the department.
5. USDA Internships (informational)
  - Dr. Daugherty: Discussed the opportunities internships offer students.


6. Other

- Tim Nesbitt: Some departments have items missing from inventory; Updated council on Legislative Initiatives; AES & CES will receive 250K each.
- Steve Loring: CRIS reports were discussed. Funding contingent on reporting. Impact reports that are not done funding will not be given.
- Wendy Hamilton: Provost Tour on April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> to visit Western part of New Mexico off campus sites. If anyone wants to join them please let Wendy know.
- John Mexal: Gave a update on Greg Mullins progress; Legislative initiative – Kevin Lombard –San Juan College 25% salary; Working with Eastern 2+2 program; Peter Skelton asked to put in Greenhouse; Real Estate Office possible lease of 48 acres of pecan land. Could be a real opportunity for the college in pecan research.
- Tim Ross: South Plains Dairy Consortium putting together internship in Clovis. Have we heard about geo-bond issue from Legislators?
- Dave Thompson: Discussed the National Ag Spray Drift control proposal.
- Janet Green: Construction was completed on two handicap bathrooms and lockers for HRTM students; Wednesday dinner to go will be on January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Wes Holley: Evaluations letters went out and are due back by February 15<sup>th</sup>; I & G salary saving has 0 amount. Held by NMSU until July.
- Octavio Ramirez: Michael Patrick working on Yes camp. Targeting Jr's & Sr's in High School. Hoping for funding by private industry; We are one of the finalist for Project in Afghanistan. Project has to do with water research training and water management. 20 million; Department is trying to higher 2 people but NMSU salary is not competitive with other institutions.
- Joe Graham: We will implementing the Community Elder exchange from Panalachi, Mexico and Laguna Pueblo, New Mexico on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Martha Archuleta: Department looking to fill vacant positions; University accreditation will be held April 28<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Elizabeth Crabb: CAHE Awards are due March 1. Please look on web page and nominate faculty and staff. Awards Day is April 25<sup>th</sup> at University Golf Course Club house.

Meeting was adjourned by 11:31a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Pam Miller

Minutes approved by: Lowell B. Catlett

  
Signature

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Date