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University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources  
Academic Assembly Council

**MINUTES**

April 28, 2009

Doubletree Hotel Sacramento  
2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, California 95815  
In conjunction with the ANR Statewide Conference

AAC members present:

Paul Vossen, President  
Leigh Johnson, President-elect  
Fe Moncloa, Immediate Past President  
Brenna Aegerter, Secretary  
Jeannette Sutherlin, Program Committee chair  
Chris Greer, Welfare and Benefits Committee chair  
Jennifer Hashim-Buckey, Rules and Elections Committee chair  
Jim Downer, Rules and Elections Committee member  
Steve Wright, CVR Committee chair  
Joyce Strand, Academic Coordinators Committee chair  
Max Moritz, UCB Committee chair  
Frank Mitloehner, UCD Committee chair  
Shelly Murdock, Personnel Committee chair

Guests present:

Rick Standiford, ANR Associate Vice President

President Paul Vossen greeted the audience of hundreds of assembly members and other conference attendees who were gathered for breakfast. He summarized activities that Academic Assembly Council has been working on this year:

- Performance expectations for Advisors. AAC is taking a close look at proposed changes to the administrative handbook section 315 concerning performance expectations for Advisors
- AAC provided input to the administration on the strategic vision document
- Welfare and Benefits Committee has been looking at clarifying the consulting policy for Advisors, and looking at what is done with the information from exit interviews for Advisors.
- AAC is looking at developing a formal mentoring program design, and also looking at creating a formal internship program, working in collaboration with administration

President Vossen introduced AAC committee chairs and asked them to briefly talk about their committee's activities. Brochures about AAC are on the tables.

Program Committee chair Jeannette Sutherland reported that Program Committee deals with Travel awards (for travel to professional society meetings) and Distinguished Service Awards (to be presented at the Statewide Conference Thursday morning).

Welfare and Benefits Committee chair Chris Greer reported that his committee has been looking at the consulting policy for advisors, helping to clarify the policy for people that don't understand the policy regarding this benefit. The committee is also looking at providing Breeze trainings on various topics (one possible example being training on the consulting policy). For next year (2009-2010) this committee is seeking representation of an Academic Coordinator, as well as someone from the North Coast and Mountain Region.

Rules and Elections Committee chair Jennifer Hashim-Buckey reported that an election was recently held for AAC President-elect (Specialist Gideon Zeidler was elected) and for a new member of Rules and Elections representing the Central Valley Region (Farm Advisor Craig Kallsen was elected). Terms begin July 1, 2009. Rules and Elections will also be making appointments to fill vacancies on Welfare & Benefits Committee, Personnel Committee and Program Committee; also UC Riverside needs representation. Assembly members should contact Jennifer Hashim-Buckey if interested in any of these opportunities.

UC Davis Committee chair Frank Mitloehner reported that his committee deals with issues that affect specialists at UC Davis. Big issue lately has been equivalent status for Specialists and Faculty.

UC Berkeley Committee chair Max Moritz reported that his committee represents a smaller group of specialists at UCB (compared to UCD). They also are working on equivalent status, as well as on maintaining budgets to support programs.

Academic Coordinators Committee chair Joyce Strand reported that her committee works on issues of concern to Academic Coordinators from around the state.

Personnel Committee chair Shelly Murdock reported on the current activities of the personnel committee.

President Vossen reported that AAC currently has two special committees:

1) Sheila Barry is chair of DANRIS-X improvement committee. They are working with Pat Day's office to improve user-friendliness of the information input (we can't change what information is collected, only the format in which it is collected).

2) Special committee to look at the revision to performance expectations – committee will look at current wording and propose revised wording – this committee will report back to AAC at June 2-3 meeting. Chair Rachel Elkins has had to step down, new chair needed.

President-elect Leigh Johnson. She encouraged the assembly members to get involved with AAC by serving on committees or giving feedback to your representatives. She emphasized that there are some important issues going on in ANR right now.

No actions were taken in this meeting.

Next meeting: June 2-3, Davis

Respectfully submitted,

Brenna Aegerter, AAC Secretary