NCR Faculty Association Meeting Minutes, March 2, 2010

Attendees: Adil Godrej, Casey Dawkins, Angela Huebner, Nick Stone, Tom Grizzard, Glenn Moglen, Andrea Todd, David Trauger, Larry French, Marcie Bocouvalas.

Call to order: 2:05 pm.

Old Business: Approval of November 2009 Meeting Minutes – All

Treasurer's report – Casey Dawkins
• $297.76 balance
• Paver project discussion: orders will be accepted soon

Associate Dean Report – David Trauger
• Sherry Fontaine accepted position as Assoc. Dean and Center Director effective June 1. Dr Fontaine will be here for a week in March to visit.
• Doctoral residency requirement discussion: Dean DePauw approved four different models. Next step is to distribute to program directors and post to website.
• Interactive video conferencing audited as part of SACS review. Positive report with a few follow up items.
• Barbara Micale has placed a spot for NCR outreach on NPR
• Graduate honor system training. Encourage faculty association to get more faculty participation.
• OPD / LCI service agreements signed. Policies and procedures updated.
• Inclement weather policy updated. Coordination with UVA very cumbersome, so Dean Trauger proposes that VT issue weather-related closings independently of UVA. Discussion of how to deal with the Equine Center, Extension and other offices besides those at Falls Church and Alexandria.
• Security cameras being installed at NVC. A new policy for how they will be used (not continuously scanned, but retrieved retroactively if an incident occurs) is ready for approval. Initial estimate if for 8 cameras, locations not finalized.
• Graduate catalog being updated this week. Send updates to department heads.
• NCR Alumni Assoc. Career Fair Mar. 9.
• Commencement is Sun. May 16 at Fairview Park Marriott. Encourage students to participate.

Management of VBS resources during bad weather – Glenn Moglen
• If classes are cancelled in one location this has a cascading effect on the other location. Discussion of how to deal with this.
• Nick Stone recommends that the faculty association write a letter to request lectures be taped in Blacksburg in the event of inclement weather. Motion approved. Glenn Moglen to spearhead writing of the letter.

Graduate School Associate Provost search – Angela Huebner
• Job description available for review and comment.
• Discussion of how to get faculty association involved.

**Update on Graduate Studies Commission Discussion Items – Tom Grizzard**

• Policy for outside employment for full time GAs. Rewording allows for outside employment but with obligations to supervisor clarified. The plan is to allow restrictions on GA contracts stipulating responsibilities.

• Residency for doctoral programs: alternative residencies are being approved. Current policy implementation (two consecutive semesters of full-time enrolment) in the NCR is being scrutinized. This policy may not be appropriate in the NCR setting.

• College of Natural Resources announced bid to change name to College of Natural Resources and the Environment. Opposition has been expressed from various other colleges and programs. A vote will be taken at the CGS&P at their March 3 meeting.

**Call for nominations for the Last Lecture series – Adil Godrej**

Godrej will send out an email asking for nominations.

**Discussion of interest in participation in the Graduate Education Week (March 22-26) – Adil Godrej**

No resolution about Faculty Association participation.

**Other Business – All**

• Extra space in LCI classes. Working to make slots available. Offer to provide financial assistance to interested students.

• Space request update.

• Discussion of agenda items for April meeting.

• Faculty Association elections for next year. Godrej agreed to send out email asking for nominations.

**Adjourn: 3:30 pm.**