

# ALEC Departmental Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 19, 10:30 a.m.

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## Information/Updates

Dr. Elliot presented years of service pins to Kenny Stroud and Summer Odom. Kenny has 25 years and Summer has 20.

Dr. Elliot announced that he will not seek a third term as Department Head. This decision came after multiple discussions over many months with Dr. Hussey. He will remain as Head until a new person has been identified. There will be an international search conducted immediately.

The STEM Education search and the Department Head search will commence immediately. The remaining two approved position searches will begin when the new department head arrives. Dr. Hussey also asked that Dr. Elliot remain in charge of the AgriLife Advanced Leaders program. Dr. Elliot's goals for the interim period will be to generate as much money as possible.

When the new department head has been identified, Dr. Elliot will immediately start a year long faculty development leave. He has identified the University of Vermont and the University of Notre Dame as possible FDL locations. Dr. Elliot asked that no rumors, assumptions, etc. be started. This is a giant opportunity for the department to move forward in a positive direction.

## **AGSC Program Leader/Location – Murphy**

Dr. Murphy reminded faculty that he has assumed the position of AGSC Program Leader and that his office is now 245.

## **IT Update - Nelson**

**Attachment A.** Zach explained several changes as listed on the handout. Reminder that IT Guidance Committee meets once a month.

## **Corporate Hospitality @ Bombers Game – Elliot/Cummings**

Drs. Elliot and Cummings said the Bombers Baseball group had been in contact with about possibly reserving the party deck for one of the games. Possible dates are 13, 14, or 15 of June. Gates open at 6 and game starts at 7. It would be open to all plus families. The price would be \$1500. That covers tickets, 3 hot foods, several sides, soft drinks, tea, beer and a wristband for the play area for children. Contact Debbie for date preferences or interest. As soon as we get information from the Bombers, Debbie will send out an appt rsvp for your calendar. She will need to know the total number from you who are attending.

## **Academic Program Review – Elliot**

Reminder that the ALEC Academic Program Review is April 2-5. Please keep those dates as open as possible as the agenda is being developed. Attached is the one pager listing the review team. **Attachment B.**

**Other**

Jenna announced that she and Kristina are working on items to be placed in the ALEC Store. Five or six items are being developed. Peer Advisors will handle the site and a fund raising activity. It should be launched the end of January.

**Next Departmental Meeting – King**

Next meeting will be in March.

**Quick break then returned for 11:45 lunch.**

## IT Report

### Workstations

#### Admin:

All admins have been demoted. **If you would like to regain your admin access**, speak with me to discuss the new process.

#### Student workstations:

All student worker and leaving grad student machines have been cleaned.

#### Faculty/staff workstations:

A standard image for faculty/staff machines has been created. All new machines will be wiped and standard image installed. ALEC recommended machines document created.

### Departmental Labs, Classroom Computing, Conference Rooms:

#### The Curl Lab:

All lab computer, mac and windows, have been cleaned and are ready for the new semester.

Two new workstation setups were ordered and will be installed in the curl lab.

#### IMS:

All computers updated, moved to ADS, and have Atera and Viewfinity on them.

#### Room 132, 255, and 266:

Conference computers have been wiped.

#### Room 200 and 129:

These machines belong to the Dean's Office. I have no control over these machines. To log in using the guest account, follow the instructions on the wall. If you cannot locate the instructions, email me and I can help you log in.

### Software Updates and User Account Management:

#### Viewfinity

Is currently active, as many have noticed.

#### Splashtop vs. Teamviewer

Teamviewer is still the preferred remote application, however, splashtop is integrated into Atera, making it extremely easy to use with current setup. Teamviewer is supposed to be integrated with Atera "shortly," after that is done splashtop will be removed.

# Academic Program Review

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**April 2-5, 2017**

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