

MINUTES
Faculty Meeting
Wednesday, October 9, 3:00 p.m.
129 AGLS

3:00 - 3:30

Faculty Meeting

Elliot

Dr. Elliot announced that his contract has been renewed for four more years.

Faculty Development Leave – this leave has not been requested very often in ALEC. Dr. Elliot did one in 2004. Dr. Lindner has applied for one in the Fall of 2014 and could be a model for others. Leaves can be done local, but part of the success of the program is getting away from your local routine.

Several have asked about current travel allocations. These numbers were noted at the bottom of the travel policy that was included when you received your FY '14 appointment letter.

Those faculty on 10month contract need to let Debbie know when your 10th month will be taken. This request was part of the appointment letter, but only one faculty member submitted this information for the files.

Dick Cummins and Dr. Elliot met again on the proposed Executive Leader program. Approval to proceed has been received from the 5th floor. This program will include outreach programs, workshops and training sessions. Dr. Cummins is working on a proposal and hopes to have it completed by December 1st. Program could start next Fall.

AgriCorps - AgriCorps will be a Peace Corps like program dedicated to placing American college graduates of agriculture (volunteers) into developing world schools to teach agricultural education. Volunteers must have a practical, working knowledge of agriculture. Volunteers will teach using a "learn by doing" method alongside a local instructor for one year. The method of teaching will follow the three components of the American Agricultural Education model: classroom instruction, individual entrepreneurship, and leadership development. AgriCorps hopes to partner with American agricultural education organizations such as the National FFA Organization and the National 4-H Council. Dr. Elliot has been appointed to the Board of Directors. First meeting is in December. Current plans are for training to take place at the National 4-H Center – but the possibility of it being done in Haiti is being considered.

Summer Teaching Dollars. No for now. \$40,000 last several years. IEF to disappear by next Fall. Service courses seem to have the big issues. Tracy Rutherford said that there are five ALEC courses on the list where 50% of the enrolled students are not ALEC.

Dr. Elliot talked about constructive criticism and how we need to communicate better and more often. He offered to set up a Faculty Advisory Committee to

report back to faculty after the two monthly department head meetings. Conversation led to the group looking into a committee led by the Departmental Ombudsman and composed of program leaders with representatives from tenure track and non tenure track faculty. Dr. Elliot said that it was critical that the group meet immediately after DH meetings. Ultimate goal would be to come up with an agenda for faculty meetings. There will be further discussion at the November meeting.

Travel Request Form Deadlines

Domestic (30 days prior to trip): e.g., travel November 1, 2013 due by October 1, 2013
International (60 days prior to trip): e.g., travel December 1, 2013 due by October 1, 2013

Upcoming Events

October 18, ALEC Kickoff
October 25, Susan R. Madsen Seminar
October 25, Mary Seely Borlaug Seminar, Noon – 1:00 p.m. AGLS 129
(reception AGLS 200, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., light lunch)
October 28-31, National FFA Convention
November 7, 3:00 p.m., ALEC Distinguished Lecture, Dr. Gary E. Briers
December 23-January 1, Christmas/New Year's
February 1-4, Southern Region AAAE, Dallas (Papers due October 14th, Posters due October 21st)
April 27 – May 1 AIAEE, Miami, (Abstracts/posters due by November 1)

Future Departmental Meetings

Friday, November 15 @ 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (Breakfast provided @ 7:45 a.m.)
Tuesday, December 10 @ 2:00 p.m.