

**DASNR Faculty Council
Minutes
December 6, 2001**

Members present: Brian Adam, Nick Basta, John Caddel, Steve Cooper, John Damicone, Mike Kizer, Mark Longtine, Dennis Martin, Dean McCraw, Tom Royer, Don Turton, and Sue Williams

Members absent: Jerry Fitch, Robert Terry, and Mike Woods

Ex-officio members: Sam Curl, Dean & Director

Non-members present: Tom Peeper and Glen Selk (sub for Fitch)

1. **Call to order:** Call for additional agenda items by Chair Sue Williams. Agenda was approved as sent out.
2. **Announcements**
 - a. Introduction of members
 - b. Meeting dates for this academic year
Tuesday February 12, 2002 and Tuesday April 23, 2002 at 8 AM in Ag Hall 102
 - c. The chair solicited input for discussion topics. Members should try to send items to a member of the executive committee a week before each meeting (in time to discuss tentative agenda with the Dean).
3. **Minutes for September 11, 2001:** Approved as posted by the Secretary on-line at www.afc.okstate.edu
4. **Committee Reports:**

DASNR Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure (RPT) Committee: No report
DASNR Curriculum and Academic Standards (CAS) Committee: No report
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Selection of OSU FC representative to DASNR Faculty Council:
An Amendment of AFC Bylaws was approved to change the manner an OSU Faculty Council representative was named as an ex-officio member of the AFC and Executive Committee of the AFC. This is subject to a vote by the DASNR general faculty.
 - b. Nomination to RPT Committee: Robert Wettemann was nominated by the Chair and approved without objection.
6. **New Business**

- a. Report from OSU Faculty Council: John Damicone reported the most important recent items before the Council had to do with
 - A policy to alleviate conflicts and overloads during final exams
 - University sponsored campaign drives directed toward students
 - The faculty retirement systems and steps to alleviate some of the major problems
 - On-campus parking
 - Crisis in Scholar Publishing
 - Copyrights and Intellectual Property Policy
- b. Report on search for Assistant Dean for Academic Programs: David Buchanan submitted a report indicating a good slate of candidates was available and that Ed Miller is evaluating input from the committee and from administrators, faculty, staff, and students. The committee is optimistic that an excellent individual will assume the position without much delay.
- c. Reporting DASNR Faculty Council Activity: An Amendment of AFC Bylaws was approved to update the wording as to how minutes would be distributed. This is subject to a vote by the DASNR general faculty.

In addition to an amendment to the by-laws, several procedural changes, having to do with approval of AFC minutes and publishing them on the web, were adopted. The secretary will send the minutes of each meeting to the AFC members via email for their approval. If necessary a modified version will be sent. Members will be asked to vote for approval or make modifications to the secretary. Once the minutes are approved, they will be published on the AFC web site (www.afc.okstate.edu) and the secretary or chair will remind members to let their departments know that the minutes are available.
- d. University-Wide Student Technology Fee Committee: Tom Peeper described some of the problems related to decisions on how this fee is spent. The AFC recommended to the Dean and his Associates that CASNR make a reasonable effort to attract a portion of these funds and to assure a CASNR student is on the committee.
- e. Question for Dean Curl: What role, if any, does DASNR administrators see as appropriate for OSU in national counter-terrorism scientific activities and research--both short-term and long-term? This might include initiatives that originate from Washington or other "top-down" designated activities and/or initiatives that originate at OSU either through DASNR administration or from OSU scientists.

Background: It appears that the current focus of our national government is truly on terrorism and counter-terrorism and that these issues will be the major determinants in the allocation of any new funds for the near future and beyond. This perspective is based on

feedback from the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Undersecretary for Water, Natural Resources and Science and other key representatives of government. This orientation will be reflected in the types of proposals that are funded.

Response: “Dean Curl indicated that last month we were awarded, in response to our proposal, a new Special Grant by the U.S. Congress in the amount of \$400,000 to establish a Center for Food Safety with emphasis on counter-terrorism research, and that this is an area of work we intend to continue to pursue. This funding represents a beginning of what will likely be a continuing initiative for us for the long term. The Dean then called on OAES Associate director D.C. Coston for remarks in this regard, and an interesting dialogue ensued concerning the timeliness of this topic and funding opportunities for the future.”

7. Adjourn at 9:30

Respectfully submitted,

John Caddel, AFC Secretary