Administrative Council for Extension and Experiment Station Research Minutes

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Friday, December 5, 2014, 1:00PM-2:30PM
325 Burruss Hall Conference Room

Attendance: Mark McNamee, Ken Smith, Guru Ghosh, Paul Winistorfer, Alan Grant, Cyril Clarke

1. Welcome and Introductions (Mark McNamee)

2. Discussion Items
   a. Approval of 229 Salary: Ken Smith provided motion and presented information regarding the 2014 fall census that included the intended distribution of faculty workload. Motion approved after questions and discussion.

3. Updates
   a. Virginia Cooperative Extension
   b. Agricultural Experiment Station
      i. Saied Mostaghimi reported the finalization of the NC/VA collaborative program that includes joint grants. He also spoke to the external review process in which six external reviewers were invited to conduct a review of the A.E.S. A short discussion ensued regarding the recommendations of the external review committee. The review addressed long-range planning, further enhancing connections between A.R.E.C.s and Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) local offices, improving A.R.E.C. facilities, exploring more fee-based activities, and better state-wide coordination of the beef programs.
   c. Deans
      i. College of Agriculture & Life Sciences (CALS)
         1. CALS reports department head search currently underway for Dept. of Entomology and national searches for the Plant, Pathology, Physiology, and Weed Science and Biological Systems Engineering departments.
      ii. College of Natural Resources and Environment (CNRE)
         1. CNRE reports that Joel Snodgrass was named head of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation in September. A new water degree (Water: Resources, Policy, and Management) was approved by SCHEV on 12/4/2014.
      iii. College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM)
         1. CVM reports positive feedback from accreditation review; final decision to be received in March.
   d. Research
      i. The research division reminded the committee that specially designated weekly flights are available for researchers/administrators who are traveling to Washington, DC for the purposes of securing/extending sponsored support.

4. Other Business