

Administrative Council for Extension and Experiment Station Research Meeting

Friday, March 4, 2016, 1:00PM-2:30PM

325 Burruss Hall Conference Room

Attendance: Thanassis Rikakis, Ken Smith, Tom Olsen, Saied Mostaghimi, Steve Kleiber, Roger Avery (guest), D'Elia Chandler, Tim Hodge, Martin Daniel, Alan Grant, Noel Byrd

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions (Ken Smith and Thanassis Rikakis)
2. Approval of Minutes from February 5, 2015 (Ken Smith)
 - a. Minutes from the last council meeting were provided and approved.
3. Discussion Items
 - a. Proposal for a Sustainable Agency 229 Program (Alan Grant)
 - i. Discussion surrounded the topic of moving the 229 Agency to a more sustainable funding model. The proposal under discussion involved establishing long-term funding commitments with industry partners that can then be used as a basis to request matching funds from the state. Thereby, securing longer-term, more sustainable funding commitments from the state along with the industry funding commitments.
 - b. State Budget Update (Tim Hodge)
 - i. Tim distributed and reviewed the document titled "2016-18 Budgets as of Crossover – Draft Based on Halfsheets. As of Tuesday February 23, 2016". Providing an update of 229 agency budget items.
4. Updates
 - a. Virginia Cooperative Extension (Ed Jones)
 - i. No update at this time.
 - b. Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station (Saied Mostaghimi)
 - i. The AES is in the process of writing proposals for technology valuation at the ARECs.
 - ii. AREC personnel have secured funding from the FDA and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) to work with producers on the Eastern Shore regarding better agricultural practices.
 - iii. Facilities issues continue to be a challenge for the ARECs. Many renovations and new structures are needed. However, obtaining cost effective approvals for these remains a challenge.
 - c. Deans
 - i. College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) (Alan Grant)
 1. No additional updates beyond opening discussion regarding the proposal for a sustainable agency 229 program.
 - ii. College of Natural Resources and Environment (CNRE) (Paul Winistorfer)
 1. No update at this time.
 - iii. College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) (Cyril Clarke)

1. No update at this time.
5. Other Business
 - a. None at this time.