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, 2016 (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 H Alfsheets. 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.