

# Administrative Council for Extension and Experiment Station Research Minutes

**Administrative Council for Extension and Experiment Station Research Meeting**  
**Friday, October 5, 2012, 1:00PM-2:30PM**  
**325 Burruss Hall Conference Room**

Attendance: Mark McNamee, Gerhardt Schurig, Martin Daniel, Tim Hodge, Ed Jones, Saied Mostaghimi, Jeff Earley, Alan Grant, Jerry Niles, Paul Winistorfer, Jody Jellison, Randy Collins, Ken Smith

1. Welcome and Introductions (Mark McNamee)
2. Discussion Items
  - a. Faculty Split Certification Update (Jeff Earley)
    - i. Jeff Earley indicated that the 9/30/12 snapshot of faculty had been distributed. Colleges need to complete their review to determine if changes are needed. The final report will be brought back to the Administrative Council for Extension and Experiment Station Research.
  - b. State Budget Update (Tim Hodge)
    - i. Reduction Assignment
      1. Tim Hodge reviewed the State's standard process of distributing central appropriations mid-year and explained an unexpected reduction in this year's distribution. Item 471.G of the Appropriation Act distributed a portion of a \$13 million statewide administrative efficiency program to institutions of higher education as a reduction of General Fund support. This resulted in a General Fund reduction in the Cooperative Extension/Agriculture Experiment Station Division of \$209,909.
      2. Although this legislation was noted during the session, it was understood not to apply to higher education since institutions of higher education had directly assigned reallocation targets. The Council discussed the need and options for bridging this budget deficit to include one-time funds and, as an ongoing reduction, build this into the 2013-14 base budget.
    - ii. State Budget Request: Tim Hodge provided an update on the amendment requests proposed for inclusion in the Governor's budget that were recently submitted to the state's Department of Budget and Planning. These amendments include two operating requests and one capital request.
  - c. Update of Human and Agricultural Biosciences Building I (HABBI)
    - i. Alan Grant offered the group a brief update on HABBI.
3. Updates
  - a. Virginia Cooperative Extension
    - i. Ed Jones reported that he and Dwight Shelton recently reviewed the annual financial report for Virginia Cooperative Extension/Agriculture Experiment Station Division with Secretary Fornash and key stakeholders.
  - b. Agricultural Experiment Station
    - i. Saied Mostaghimi shared that Hampton Roads and the Eastern Shore recently had a successful planning meeting. There is an upcoming meeting of all the

AREC directors to work on strategic plans. A new policy is designed to increase participation and credit in multistate Hatch proposals to increase collaboration and achieve federal goals.

- c. Deans
  - i. College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs)
    - 1. Alan Grant noted that a new VA Agricultural magazine is expected this winter.
  - ii. College of Natural Resources and Environment (CNRE)
    - 1. Paul Winistorfer provided an update on the new, one-of-a kind aviary laboratory for water fowl/water toxicology.
  - iii. College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM)
- 4. Other Business
  - a. A brief discussion took place about the federal budget outlook and potential impact of sequestration.