

Administrative Council for Extension and Experiment Station Research Minutes

Administrative Council for Extension and Experiment Station Research Meeting
Friday, September 3, 2015, 1:00PM-2:30PM
325 Burruss Hall Conference Room

Attendance: Thanassis Rikakis, Ken Smith, Tim Hodge, Cyril Clarke, Alan Grant, Bob Smith, Saied Mostaghimi, Steve Kleiber, Ed Jones, Noel Byrd, Martin Daniel, Bob Smith, D'Elia Chandler, Paul Winistorfer, Ed Jones, Ralph Byers

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions (Thanassis Rikakis & Ken Smith)
2. Approval of Minutes from August 7, 2015 (Ken Smith)
 - a. Minutes from the last council meeting were provided electronically with the current agenda. One change was requested within the VCE section of the minutes and the minutes were approved.
3. Discussion Items
 - a. Overview of Agricultural Experiment Station (Saied Mostaghimi)
 - i. Presentation was provided covering topics such as historical perspectives, USDA relationship, Diversity of Research, state appropriations, ARECs, faculty members, challenges, and comparative statistics regarding NSF Agriculture Sciences R & D Expenditures.
 1. Challenges and opportunities noted by the Director included:
 - a. The quality of on-campus research space.
 - b. Updates to equipment to support technology initiatives such as Precision Agriculture.
 - c. The cost of off-campus facility renovations.
 - d. Large-scale pilot research facilities to assist with commercialization of technologies.
 - e. Development of a sustainable process to meet the cost-share needs of interdisciplinary proposals.
 - f. University-level support to assist faculty with the submission of large-scale, interdisciplinary, multi-institutional grants.
 - b. Overview of Virginia Cooperative Extension (Ed Jones)
 - i. Presentation was provided covering topics such as partnerships, VCE staffing, Advisory Councils, VCE organizational chart, appropriations, integrated programming, and future directions.
 1. Discussion included:
 - a. The relationships among extension centers, 4-H centers, and the youth programming that is provided. Provost Rikakis also discussed the connections between these programs and the STEM-H pipelines.
 - c. Updates
 - i. Next month Tim Hodge will provide an overview of the 229 Council budget.

- d. Deans
 - i. College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs)
 - 1. Alan Grant discussed several recent department head/faculty position changes in the college.
 - ii. College of Natural Resources and Environment (CRNE)
 - 1. Paul Winistorfer reported that the Research Aviary will have its grand opening on September 21, 2015.
 - iii. College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM)
 - 1. Cyril Clarke reported the death of Elankumaran Subbiah, Associate Professor of Virology.
- 4. Other Business
 - a. Guru Ghosh provided faculty updates including Dr. Van Crowder as the new Director of OIRED.
 - b. Wireless access for off-campus faculty was discussed as a follow-up topic from the last council meeting. Tim Hodge has met with the leadership team in IT and states that solutions are underway/progressing.
 - c. Ken Smith stated that our next council meeting will occur after the census point and therefore, information will be available and graphs/tables provided regarding the salary splits.
 - d. Provost Rikakis expressed gratitude for the presentations and information shared during the meeting today.