

229 Council - Administrative Council for Extension and Experiment Station Research

Friday, November 3, 2017, 1:00PM-2:30PM

130 Burruss Hall Conference Room

Present: Saied Mostaghimi, Alan Grant, Tim Hodge, Steve Kleiber, Cyril Clarke, Ed Jones, Paul Winistorfer, Ken Smith, Greg Daniels

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions (Cyril Clarke)

Provost Clarke welcomed Greg Daniels, interim dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

2. Virginia Agriculture and Natural Resources (VANR) Update (Saied Mostaghimi)

The committee is planning a spring summit event in Richmond for about 150 attendees. The summit will include panels that highlight existing collaborations and break-out sessions to identify additional opportunities for strategic collaboration going forward. Sustaining and increasing the economic impact of agriculture and natural resource industries and related research in Virginia will be highlighted.

3. Plans for One-Time Savings (Tim Hodge)

The AVP for Budget and Finance reviewed an estimate of available one-time savings in the agency. The Administrative Council will develop prioritized recommendations for application of these savings for the Provost and CFO to review at an upcoming budget meeting.

4. Virginia Cooperative Extension Administrative Realignment (Ed Jones)

The Director reviewed an updated organizational chart for the Virginia Cooperative Extension. The new organizational structure includes state program leaders in Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources, Community, Food, Families and Health. These program leaders will hold other regular appointments in VCE but are expected to spend roughly 25% of their time in these leadership coordination roles.

5. Verification of Personnel Percentage Time Splits (Ken Smith)

The Vice Provost reported that the annual report showing percentage splits between the university division, VCE and AES had been distributed to the three colleges. Colleges are asked to verify that personnel working in the VCE and AES division were appropriately reflected in terms of their percent of effort for the past fiscal year and for the current fiscal year. The committee will approve time splits at a future meeting.

6. Director and Dean Updates

- a. Virginia Cooperative Extension (Ed Jones) – Dr. Jones reported on the district fall conference for VCE that included an update on the new organizational structure as well as diversity training for employees. He also discussed plans for an upcoming meeting with Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue regarding 4-H.
- b. Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station (Saied Mostaghimi) – Dr. Mostaghimi reported on recent leadership changes at the Eastern AREC and the potential to create a shared composting facility in cooperation with Virginia Tech dining services and the Town of Blacksburg.
- c. College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Dean – Dr. Grant described the university's new membership on the University Industry Consortium, a group of university and industry partners.
- d. College of Natural Resources and Environment Dean – Dr. Winistorfer reported on the movement of the college to an advancement model for communications and fundraising.
- e. College of Veterinary Medicine Interim Dean – Dr. Daniels reported on the recent successful summit of the Virginia Academy of Science, Engineering, and Medicine that was coordinated in part by Virginia Tech faculty X.J. Meng and Patricia Dove.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.