

229 Council - Administrative Council for Extension and Experiment Station Research

Friday, September 1, 2017, 1:00PM-2:30PM

130 Burruss Hall Conference Room

Present: Saied Mostaghimi, Alan Grant, Cyril Clarke, Ed Jones, Paul Winistorfer, Thanassis Rikakis, Dwight Shelton, Theresa Mayer, Chris Yianilos, Jeff Earley, John Provo, Gary Sherman, Elli Travis

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions (Thanassis Rikakis)
2. Virginia Agriculture and National Resources Initiative Planning (Alan Grant and John Provo)
 - a. Alan provided an update on the economic development study. The data produced from the study is currently being analyzed, and data-driven recommendations for economic impact will be delivered to the public upon completion.
3. VTC Health Analytics and Health Outcomes (Thanassis Rikakis)
 - a. The Provost discussed opportunities for the agency to collaborate with the Virginia Tech Carilion Health Analytics co-lab to create a national leading effort for rural health.
4. Opioid Crisis in Virginia (Ed Jones)
 - a. Ed provided a summary of conversations with his counterparts in West Virginia and Ohio on the opioid crisis and how to deal with the situation. He recommended campus-wide conversations on the opioid crisis. The membership was supportive and agreed to identify potential partners.
5. Report to General Assembly (Ed Jones)
 - a. Ed reported Career and Technical Education has a teacher shortage in the areas of agriculture, technology, and family and consumer science. There are on-going conversations with people who are committed to Career and Technical Education. A report was submitted to the General Assembly on September 1, 2017.
6. Updates
 - a. Virginia Cooperative Extension (Ed Jones)
 - i. The Commonwealth's Council on Bridging the Nutritional Divide will disband and the Virginia food Access Network will be publically released at the end of September.
 - ii. Ed updated the membership on the realignment of the VCE administration. The realignment will occur in October and will provide more opportunities for interdisciplinary teams.
 - b. Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station (Saied Mostaghimi)

- i. There were no updates presented.
 - c. Deans (Paul Winistorfer)
 - i. Paul reported that interactions with trade association Virginia Loggers Association were positive, and the Master Naturalist Program organization is successful.
- 7. Other Business
 - a. Jeff Earley noted that the council will be certifying salary allocation again this year. September 30 is the faculty census date and will be used for review and certification.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.