

229 Council - Administrative Council for Extension and Experiment Station Research

Friday, March 2, 2018, 1:30PM – 3:00PM

130 Burruss Hall Conference Room

Present: Jeff Earley, Ansar Ahmed, Gary Sherman, Alan Grant, Cyril Clarke, Tim Hodge, Stephen Kleiber, Saied Mostaghimi, D'Elia Chandler, Susan Duncan, Bob Smith, Mallory Miller

Agenda Items:

1. Welcome and Introductions (Cyril Clarke)
2. Approval of Minutes (Mallory Miller)
 - a. Minutes from the 2017 and February 2, 2018 meetings were provided electronically with the current agenda. The minutes were approved.
3. Agency 229 Funding Splits (Jeff Earley)
 - a. Annually the Provost Office provides a report detailing the allocation of time for Agency 229 faculty. Jeff Earley reviewed the Agency 229 Allocation of Time Confirmation Report Summary with the membership and the funding splits were approved.
4. Composting Facility Feasibility Study (Saied Mostaghimi)
 - a. Saied Mostaghimi reviewed a draft composting facility feasibility study and provided an update. A composting facility could enhance the management of soil nutrients, assist with regulation compliance, and provide students with experiential learning opportunities in sustainability. Next steps include reviewing composting options with potential partners.
5. ANR Summit Update (Saied Mostaghimi)
 - a. The summit is scheduled for April 10 and 11 and will bring together university members and industry leaders. Registration is currently open.
6. Updates
 - a. Agricultural Experiment Station (Saied Mostaghimi)
 - i. The new Superintendent of the Eastern Virginia Agriculture Research and Extension Center started in February.
 - ii. An update on land acquisition and use was provided. There is a need for land in the Tidewater, Eastern Shore, and Eastern Virginia regions.
 - b. Deans
 - i. Alan Grant provided an update on the School of Plant and Environmental Sciences. The new director will begin in April.

- ii. The Department Head for Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise and the Department Head for Agriculture, Leadership, and Community Education announced they will be stepping down from their positions in December 2018. Searches for both department head positions have been initiated.