Administrative Council for
Extension and Experiment Station Research Meeting
Friday, September 6, 2024
1:30 – 3:00 PM
130 Burruss Hall Conference Room

AGENDA

Participants

Mary Burrows, Mike Gutter, Cyril Clarke, Dan Sui, Dan Givens, Mallory Miller, Jeff Earley, Rebekah Gunn, Brennan Shepard, Tim Hodge, Alan Grant

Welcome and Introductions (Cyril Clarke)

Discussion Items

Summary of Agency 229 Resources (Tim Hodge)

Tim Hodge provided a summary of Agency 229 resources including a forecast of fringe savings. The VCE and AES directors with work with the college deans to formulate a spending plan for unallocated funds.

Unit Updates

VCE and AES (Mike Gutter and Mary Burrows)

Mike Gutter shared a draft one pager highlight areas of emphasis for VCE. Mary Burrows shared that AES is working to complement the one pager demonstrating equipment needs and use cases.

Mike also shared that VCE leadership have been charged with thinking through structures that most support the work VCE and how to better engage with the whole campus. As an example, VCE is working with Office of Continuing and Professional Development on badging and workforce development initiatives.

Mary Burrows shared that AES is working on a system to quantify the impact of university agricultural lands to complement qualitative impact stories. AES is also reviewing annual AREC proposals.

Deans

Dan Givens discussed animal care and use internal review plans for facilities outside of Blacksburg.

Alan Grant shared that Beth Ebel is serving as interim finance director. A search will occur when the new dean is in place. Alan also shared an update on a number of searches that are underway.

Alan also provided an update on the Invasive Species Destination Areas 2.0 project.

OVPRI

Dan Sui provided an update on the search of the attending veterinarian.

Dan also shared that the university has engaged in preliminary discussion with George Mason University regarding the restructuring of the State Climatologist Office.

Dan also provided an update on efforts led by Bryan Garey in Human Resources to comply with updates to the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Other

Jeff Earley shared that plans are progressing to increase vivarium space at the university.

Future Agenda Topics

- University-wide AAALAC Accreditation
- Vision of the next generation of the land-grant institution
- The role of VCE and AES in industry and workforce development