Administrative Council for
Extension and Experiment Station Research Meeting
Friday, June 7, 2024
1:30-3:00 p.m.
130 Burruss Hall Conference Room

AGENDA

Participants
Alan Grant, Mary Burrows, Tim Hodge, Cyril Clarke, Don Taylor, Mike Gutter, Dan Sui, Brennan Shepard, Elizabeth Hooper, Jeff Earley, Mallory Miller, Dan Givens, Simon Allan

Welcome and Introductions (Cyril Clarke)

Discussion Items
Approval of Meeting Minutes (Cyril Clarke)
The minutes from the May meeting were distributed electronically with the agenda for the council to review. The minutes were approved.

FY2025 Agency 229 Budget
Tim Hodge provided an update on the FY2025 state budget and impacts for Agency 229. The state did approve a three percent compensation program in FY2025. However, due to the state funding policy for Agency 229, the state only funds 86 percent of the program.

Unit Updates
Agricultural Experiment Station (Mary Burrows)
Mary Burrows provided an update on a USDA proposal.

Faith Peppers, director of Communications at USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, spent a half day at the university to discuss communications strategy around impact stories.

The group discussed experiential learning at the AREC and acknowledged that student housing is key to engaging students at the AECs. The group suggested charging a group to review challenges and develop solutions to student housing at the AECs.

Virginia Cooperative Extension (Mike Gutter)
Mike Gutter shared the launch of strategic planning efforts. Mike will continue to bring forth updates throughout the process which will focus on VCE's vision and how to execute it.
Efforts are underway to bring VCE, AES, and Outreach and International Affairs together to develop a comprehensive land-grant engagement concept to enhance outreach efforts across campus.

Deans
Alan Grant shared that 4-H will have students learning about agriculture at 4-H camps this summer. The university will host the 4-H State Congress and the FFA state convention this month with Governor Younkin attending the FFA state convention.

The college is working to appoint an interim Head of the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics.

Dan Givens discussed a new agreement between CALS and the college to enhance administrative accountability and collaboration on veterinary services provided to CALS.

Other

OVPRI (Dan Sui)

Dan Sui shared an update on the university veterinarian search and animal care on campus.
Virginia Tech is committed to working with George Mason University on responsibilities related to the State Climatology Office.

Government and Community Relations (Elizabeth Hooper)

Elizabeth Hooper shared the university will host Governor Youngkin on June 26th.