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

AGENDA

Participants

Simon Allen, Elizabeth Hooper, Mario Ferruzzi, Mary Burrows, Mike Gutter, Cyril Clarke, Dan Givens, Mallory Miller, Jeff Earley, Rebekah Gunn, Brennan Shepard, Tim Hodge, Lauren Augustine, Rob Mann, Suzanne Gooding, Randy Heflin, Caroline Buscaglia, Paul Winistorfer, Guru Ghosh

Welcome and Introductions (Cyril Clarke)

Discussion Items

Approval of Minutes (Cyril Clarke)

The minutes from the September meeting were distributed electronically with the agenda and reviewed and approved by the council during the meeting.

Agency 229 Capital Projects (Rob Mann)

Rob Mann, assistant vice president for capital budgeting and financing, reviewed Agency 229's Capital Plan that was endorsed by the council in September 2020. Rob discussed the capital outlay planning progress and reviewed the updated version of the capital plan proposed by Agency 229 directors and college deans.

The plan includes six prioritized projects with small adjustments from the previously endorsed list, including the removal of the Center Woods project due to achieving funding.

The group agreed that the list of projects remains a high priority for the Agency. The Six-Year Capital Plan will go to the Board of Visitors in March and, if approved, submitted to the state in June.

Unit Updates

VCE and AES (Mike Gutter and Mary Burrows)

Mike Gutter shared that VCE strategic planning interviews are ongoing.

Mary Burrows noted that the results of the research stakeholder need assessment were shared with the Agency 229 deans and assistant deans for research. Primary areas of response were Ag Econ, Crop and Livestock Management, Environment, and Integrated Pest Management. Mary

shared that the priorities from the survey were included in the seed funding RFA from AES and 51 proposals were submitted for review.

The AREC annual meeting is November 19 and 20th.

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) is interviewing for several positions including Meat Science (SAS), Enologist (AHS/FST), Agricultural Carbon Specialist (SPES), and HR director.

A CALS research update monthly email was launched. In the newsletter, three faculty are celebrated as 'Researchers of the Month': Jonathan Czuba (BSE), Jonathan van Senten (AAEC, Seafood AREC), and Chloe Lahondere, Biochemistry. November will be Tom Kuhar (Entomology).

Deans (Paul Winistorfer and Dan Givens)
Paul Winistorfer shared hiring updates; the college is launching a grants coordinator position search to better support faculty and the college received almost 100 applications for 2 DA invasive faculty positions.

The college will host the 32nd IAPRI Member Conference in June 2025 at the Hotel Roanoke which is the largest international packaging organization in the world. To learn more about the conference, visit http://iapri2025roanoke.com

Paul discussed a proposed capital project to construct a 12K sq. ft. packing laboratory at the Brooks Center.

Paul shared that the university continues to discuss partnership opportunities with GMU regarding the Office of State Climatology.

Dan Givens provided an update on state discussions involving increased enrollment in the college, which the college is supportive of and working with the Office of Budget and Financial Planning on cost projections.

The college is continuing to keep a pulse on emerging veterinary medicine programs across the county including in Maryland. There are around 15 new programs seeking approval.

OVPRI (Randy Heflin)
Randy Heflin shared that the office is launching the design process for a new vivarium facility in the CRC.

The group discussed ongoing animal use and care management.

Randy provided an update on the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) and organizational structure review. The group also discussed research needs within the colleges in terms of pre-

and post-award management. Cyril asked that after the OSP organizational model is reviewed to come back to discuss findings.

Other

Elizabeth Hooper shared that the state's animal care task force report is due today and she will share when released.

Guru Ghosh shared that Outreach and International Affairs is working closely with VCE to deepen relationships between the group units and outcomes include development of initiatives, which he will share more on with the council.

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