

Administrative Council
for
Extension and Experiment Station Research Meeting

Friday, February 3, 2023
1:30-3:00 p.m.
130 Burruss Hall Conference Room

Participants: Jeff Earley, Mallory Miller, Saied Mostaghimi, Amy Sebring, Alan Grant, Steve Kleiber, Ken Miller, Cyril Clarke, Mike Gutter, Paul Winistorfer, Caroline Buscaglia, Elizabeth Hooper, Don Taylor, Tim Hodge

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions (Cyril Clarke)

2. Discussion Items

a.) Approval of Meeting Minutes (Mallory Miller)

The minutes from the December meeting were distributed electronically with the agenda for the council to review. The minutes were approved.

b.) Agency 229 Time Allocation Report

Annually, the Provost Office provides a report detailing the allocation of time for Agency 229 faculty to ensure effort and funding is appropriately allocated across the agency. Jeff Earley reviewed the Agency 229 Allocation of Time Confirmation Report Summary with the membership, and the funding splits were approved.

c.) VAES and VCE Fringe and Central Savings Distribution Proposals

Saied Mostaghimi reviewed the proposal for use of Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station (VAES) fringe and central savings. The director worked with the Agency 229 colleges on the proposal. The proposal was approved by the council.

Mike Gutter provided an update and draft proposal for use of Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) fringe and central savings. The director will continue to finalize recommendations for use with the Agency 229 colleges. The final proposal will be electronically distributed for review and approval prior to the March meeting.

The Provost will take the approved proposals to the executive budget group for final consideration.

[The final VCE proposal was electronically distributed to the council for review and approval on February 7, 2023. The recommendation was approved by electronic vote on February 16, 2023.]

3. Unit Updates

a.) Virginia Cooperative Extension

Mike Gutter shared that he is working on increasing engagement activities within VCE and building good relationships across the Commonwealth. The VCE Winter Conference will be held February 7-9th at the Inn at Virginia Tech. Over 375 people are confirmed to attend.

b.) Agricultural Experiment Station

Saied Mostaghimi shared that he recently met with the AREC leadership council. The Hampton Rhodes AREC relocation review is still in process.

c.) Deans

Alan Grant shared that there are several hiring searches occurring in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, including the search for a new VAES director.

Paul Winistorfer also shared that the College of Natural Resources and Environment have a department head search in the interview stage.

4. Other Updates (group)

Dan Sui shared information related to an upcoming EDA proposal. The EDA RFP process has not begun, however, Office of Research and Innovation has received 13 concept papers including several from Agency 229 colleges for consideration. Dan also spoke about the importance of Animal Use and Care and addressed recent concerns.

Elizabeth Hooper shared updates on the state budget process. The House and Senate are expected to enter crossover soon. The group discussed Agency 229 related bills in some detail.