

Administrative Council
for
Extension and Experiment Station Research Meeting

Friday, May 5, 2023
1:30-3:00 p.m.
130 Burruss Hall Conference Room

Attendees: Saied Mostaghimi, Steve Kleiber, Paul Winistorfer, Ben Grove, Mallory Miller, Bob Broyden, Randy Heflin, Patrick Hilt, Dan Givens, Cyril Clarke, Jeff Earley, Rebekah Gunn, Robert Mann, Tim Hodge, Brennon Shepard, Amy Sebring

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions (Cyril Clarke)

2. Discussion Items

a.) Approval of Meeting Minutes (Mallory Miller)

The meeting minutes from the February meeting were reviewed electronically with the agenda and approved.

b.) Agency 229 Capital Projects (Bob Broyden, Rob Mann, and Patrick Hilt)

Bob Broyden, Associate Vice President for Campus Planning & Capital Financing, provided an overview of Agency 229 capital projects completed since 2010, the current list of on-going projects, and the priorities for the future as listed by in the six-year capital outlay plan. The plan includes improving Center Woods Complex and System-wide AREC improvements as top priorities.

Saied Mostaghimi and Patrick Hilt provided an update on the System-wide AREC improvements proposal.

3. Unit Updates

a.) Virginia Cooperative Extension

Ben Grove, Associate Director, Strategy and Administration Virginia Cooperative Extension, shared that about 10,000 campers are expected to attend 4-H Camp this summer.

VCE is actively involved in increasing mobile and telehealth intervention associated with autism.

VCE agents, along with Kathy Hosig, are involved in providing a range of support for local communities implementing substance misuse prevention curricula in public schools and developing materials and messages for regional campaigns to reduce stigma related to addiction.

b.) Agricultural Experiment Station

Saied Mostaghimi, Director, shared information related to ongoing hiring searches.

Saied and the council discussed challenges faced by students at the ARECs.

c.) Deans

Alan Grant, dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, shared information related to ongoing hiring searches, including the search for a new AES director.

Paul Winistorfer, dean of the College of Natural Resources and Environment, shared that the college organized an extension two-day showcase. There were about 45 people in attendance from Virginia and other states.

Dan Givens, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, shared that the college has engaged a USDA task force focused on reviewing agricultural animal research activity.

d.) Budget and Finance

The group discussed the Six-Year Capital Plan and opportunities for Agency 229.

e.) OVPRI

Randy Heflin, senior AVP for Research and Innovation, provided an update on the recent USDA inspections and mandated reporting.

f.) Government and Community Relations

The council discussed potential for federal appropriations associated with earmarks.