

Administrative Council
for
Extension and Experiment Station Research Meeting

Friday, February 4, 2022
1:30-3:00 p.m.
130 Burruss Hall Conference Room

Attendees: Jeff Earley, Steve Kleiber, Saied Mostaghimi, Susan Duncan, Keith Goynes, Dan Givens, Cyril Clarke, Elizabeth Hooper, Ed Jones, Paul Winistorfer, Candice Albert, Lauren McKeague, Don Taylor, Randy Heflin, Brennan Shepard, Rebekah Gunn, Guru Ghosh

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Introductions (Cyril Clarke)**
- 2. Approval of Minutes (Lauren McKeague)**

Minutes from the November 2021 meeting were provided electronically with the current agenda. The minutes were approved.
- 3. Discussion Items**
 - i. Agency 229 Operation and Maintenance Resources Funds (Saied Mostaghimi)**

Saied reviewed the proposal for funding Agency 229 operation and maintenance resources. Previous university investments in this area were utilized to support significant advances in precision agriculture, animal behavior monitoring, and the SmartFarm initiative. The proposed funding would support AREC building operations and maintenance costs and is in line with the appropriation's intent. The proposal was approved by the Council.
 - ii. Agency 229 Time Allocation Report (Jeff Earley)**

Jeff reviewed the Agency 229 Time Allocation Report, which is compiled annually in collaboration with the Agency 229 colleges. The colleges certified the report's accuracy last fall, and the report was approved by the Council.
- 4. Updates – Rapid Roundtable Discussion**
 - i.** Ed Jones, director of Virginia Cooperative Extension, reported that VCE had successfully held the virtual winter conference in collaboration with the TLOS office.

He also reported that his office had recently submitted documentation for a compliance review to the Office of Civil Rights, and that the Society of American Foresters awarded VCE the Employer of the Year award.
 - ii.** Saied Mostaghimi, director of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, reported that there are two ongoing director position searches for the Southern Piedmont AREC and the Winchester AREC.
 - iii.** Alan Grant, dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, reported that Ed Jones will soon retire and the search for a new VCE director is beginning.

He also reported that CALS is starting a search for a new director of IT to replace the retiring director.

- iv. Paul Winistorfer, dean of the College of Natural Resources and Environment, reported that an internal search is underway to fill Bob Smith's role with VCE, as he will soon retire.

Paul also reported that a faculty member at the professorial rank has accepted a position at another institution, and that the Forestry Summit planning is ongoing, with the Summit taking place at the Inn in May.

- v. Dan Givens, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, reported that the college seeks a department head for Large Animal Critical Sciences.

Dan also reported that the Leesburg Equine Medical Center and Veterinary Teaching Hospital in Blacksburg continues to serve the community well and responsibly, having increased revenue while simultaneously decreasing expenses.

- vi. Randy Heflin, Senior Associate Vice President for the Office of Research and Innovation, reported that he had started the position on January 10 and that OVPRI is developing administrative hiring plans to be presented on February 15.

- vii. Guru Ghosh, Vice President for Outreach and International Affairs, reported that the Reynolds Homestead received an \$800,000 gift from the RJ Reynolds family endowment to support the expansion of the Community Enrichment Center.

He also reported that the Office will soon begin a search to fill the position of Executive Director of the Center for International Research, Education and Development.