

**Administrative Council**  
**for**  
**Extension and Experiment Station Research Meeting**

**Friday, April 1, 2022**  
**1:30-2:30 p.m.**  
**130 Burruss Hall Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Jeff Earley, Keith Goyne, Dan Givens, Cyril Clarke, Paul Winistorfer, Lauren McKeague, Don Taylor, Ken Miller, Scott Weimer, Tim Hodge, Dan Sui, Rebekah Gunn

**AGENDA**

**1. Welcome and Introductions (Cyril Clarke)**

**2. Discussion Items**

**a. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Cyril Clarke)**

Minutes from the February 2022 meeting were provided electronically with the current agenda. The minutes were approved.

**3. Updates**

- i. Paul Winistorfer, dean of the College of Natural Resources and Environment, reported that the College is hosting the Forestry Summit for the first time on May 3-5 at the Inn at Virginia Tech and noted that all are welcome to attend.

He also reported that the college has appointed an advisory committee led by Central VCE to conduct an internal search to fill Bob Smith's position at VCE. They will hold interviews at the end of April, with intention of making the selection prior to commencement.

Dean Winistorfer also reported that the college is preparing to launch a search for a new position in packaging systems and design.

Finally, Dean Winistorfer suggested that the Council discuss as a future topic the process for setting 229 Council capital funding priorities.

- ii. Dan Givens, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, reported that VetMed students recently won a national competition in the area of large animal reproduction.

He also reported that the college is collaborating with the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to teach preclinical curriculum in animal care. He reported that VetMed student involvement in these courses results in stricter USDA accreditation requirements and unannounced inspections, despite it being the same curriculum taught to CALS students. He requested this issue be brought up at a future 229 Council meeting to identify possible resolutions.

Dean Givens also reported two ongoing searches for leadership positions, one for the head of the Department for Large Animal Clinical Sciences and one for the Associate Dean for Professional Programs.

- iii. Dan Sui reported that OVPRI recently successfully held the inaugural Research Center Director Retreat and that going forward he had encouraged the centers to collectively form a Research Center Director Council that would meet with him every semester.

He also reported that he was working with Vice President for Finance Office to create an advisory committee aimed at better accounting for research expenditure data.

He reported that OVPRI had launched the search for the new Executive Director of Fralin, with all colleges represented on the search committee. The committee intends to hold on-campus interviews the first week of the fall semester, with the new director expected to report in January 2023.

#### **4. Other Business**

- i. Ken Miller reported that the General Assembly had not yet reconvened to pass the budget but that they remain hopeful projects like Randolph Hall and Center Woods will receive funding.
- ii. Rebekah Gunn reported that it is likely the state budget will not be finalized until the end of April.

She also reported that the final federal FY22 appropriations include slight increases in funding for Hatch and Smith-Lever, a \$10 million increase for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI), no change to McIntire-Stennis from 2021, and approval for directed spending from the flounder fisheries request.

#### **5. Future Meeting Items**

- i. Cyril Clarke summarized the three main future agenda items identified by those present, including: the capital planning priorities and process; the ALACC accreditation and inspection issues related to teaching animals; and the strategic research priorities and impacts to capital planning process.