

Administrative Council
for
Extension and Experiment Station Research Meeting

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

Attendees: Ed Jones, Dan Givens, Dan Sui, Guru Ghosh, Cyril Clarke, Steve Kleiber, Susan Duncan, Rebekah Gunn, Tim Hodge, Don Taylor, Paul Winistorfer, Keith Goynes

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions (Cyril Clarke)

2. Discussion Items

a.) Approval of meeting minutes (Mallory Miller)

The minutes from the May meeting were electronically distributed with the agenda and approved during the meeting.

b.) Update on Agency 229 Budget (Tim Hodge)

The budget director, Tim Hodge, provided an update on the FY2023 Agency 229 E&G budget. The budget included a five percent salary increase effective July 10th.

There is one-time funding capacity within the budget. The VCE and AES directors will work with the Agency 229 college deans on a spending plan and will bring to the council for review and approval.

The group briefly discussed the Agency 229 capital budget.

3. Unit Updates

a.) Virginia Cooperative Extension

Ed Jones shared that he is retiring, and the college is working on a replacement. The 5th District was created and is effective July 1st. The new district director started in June.

b.) Agricultural Experiment Station

Susan Duncan shared that the new director of the Piedmont AREC started July 1st. AREC field days are on-going and preparation for the Ag Expo are underway.

c.) Deans

Steven Kleiber reported on behalf of the College of Agricultural and Life Science. He shared that the college is in the final stages of recruiting an IT Director.

Dan Givens, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, shared updates on current hiring searches. There are on-going discussions between Virginia Tech, VDAX, and the Commonwealth on vet animal disease systems to address challenges and opportunities. CVM successfully completed the accreditation process and is accredited for the next 7 years.

Paul Winistorfer, dean of the College of Natural Resources and Environment, shared an update on a federal grant in the college for \$300,000 with an option for renewal.

There is a new associate dean of extension starting July 1, 2022.

The College of Natural Resources and Environment (CNRE) is moving forward with an initiative around forest carbon and will hold an internal retreat to discuss challenges and opportunities for future research.

CNRE will host a facilities tour on August 1, 2022 and invited the council to participate.

d.) OVPRI

Dan Sui, Vice President for Research and Innovation, discussed new opportunities for federal funding.

4. Other Updates

Guru Ghosh, Vice Provost for Outreach and International Affairs, shared recent happenings at the Reynold Homestead, including a partnership with the Smithsonian.

Rebekah Gunn provided an update on federal appropriations.