

Administrative Council for Extension and Experiment Station Research Meeting

Friday, September 2, 2022

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

130 Burruss Hall Conference Room

Attendance: Elizabeth Hooper, Dan Sui, Jeff Earley, Chris Yanelis, Cyril Clarke, Mallory Miller, Saied Mostaghimi, Alan Grant, Keith Goynes, Steve Kleiber, Ken Miller, Ed Jones, Dan Givens, Tim Hodge, Brian Bond

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction (Cyril Clarke)

2. Discussion Items

a. Approval of meeting minutes (Cyril Clarke)

The meeting minutes from August were reviewed electronically with the agenda. The group approved the minutes.

3. Unit Updates

a. Agricultural Experiment Station (AES)

Ed Jones reported on a successful 4-H camping season.

In October, Virginia Tech will host the Junior Leaders Management Institute. Ed noted that representation from College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, College of Natural Resources and Environment, and Virginia State University will be in attendance.

Alan Grant shared that Mike Gutter will be the next AES director and associate dean in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with a start date of November 1. Gutter is joining the Virginia Tech from the University of Florida.

b. Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE)

Saied Mostaghimi shared that later this month Agency 229 is hosting a grant writing workshop. Currently, 70 faculty from the three 229

colleges and a few from College of Science are registered. The focus is on writing USDA and NIH grant proposals.

Two new AREC directors have been hired to lead Southern Piedmont and Alson H. Smith Jr.

The group discussed addressing the graduate student housing issue at the ARECs.

Saied shared his plans for retirement in the upcoming year.

Cyril shared his very positive experience at the Tidewater, Seafood, and Hampton Roads ARECs and shared his appreciation for the directors and teams at those locations.

c. Deans

i. College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM)

Dan Givens shared that the three Agency 229 deans and Provost met to discuss the potential collaboration within the state on animal diagnostics labs. CVM is ready to work with the Commonwealth to commit efforts and talent to help with the plan when appropriate.

The college is working with College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to illuminate opportunities around research focused on animal agriculture.

Dan shared that the animal care support from CVM TRAACs has migrated to VPRI ARC-D to provide support for animals involved in research. This migration includes a one-time transfer of Agency 229 funds which is associated with the transfer of managerial responsibilities.

Cyril asked that the council review the management of 1433 Animal Health Funding in a future meeting.

ii. College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs)

Alan Grant shared that the college is working to fill some vacancies and is preparing to engage in a search for a new VCE director.

iii. College of Natural Resources and Environment (CNRE)

Keith Goyne shared that CNRE recently engaged in a college retreat focused on evaluating research.

Brian Bond shared that the college is reviewing extension program strengths and identifying potential partnerships and improvements.

d. OVPRI

Dan Sui reminded the council that the Vice President for Strategic Research Alliances is available to help with proposal, especially identify what agencies are looking for in proposals.

Dan also discussed updating the process for reviewing center.