

Administrative Council for Extension and Experiment Station Research Meeting

Friday, December 7, 2018

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

130 Burruss Hall Conference Room

Attendees: Said Mostaghimi, Alan Grant, Ed Jones, Ken Smith, Cyril Clarke, D'Elia Chandler, Steve Kleiber, Tim Hodge, Elizabeth Hooper, Susan Duncan, Gary Sherman, Greg Daniel, Paul Winstorfer

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions (Cyril Clarke)
2. Discussion Items
 - a. Faculty Merit Funding (Ken Smith)

Ken Smith provided the Faculty Merit Funding subcommittee interim report. The council reviewed the report and will provide comments to Ken Smith for consideration.

The committee will continue to meet to discuss opportunities and challenges and will periodically update the council.
 - b. Composting Facility (Ken Smith)

Ken Smith provided an update on the composting facility. Saied Mostaghimi and Ken Smith met with university facilities and capital assets to discuss the potential scope of the project and the management structures for the facility. The group concluded that the scale of the project would meet the threshold for a capital project, and will meet again January to develop a business plan.
 - c. Update on Faculty Salary Verification Process (Ken Smith)

Ken Smith provided an update on the faculty salary verification process. The salary verification reports were sent to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS), College of Natural Resources and Environment (CNRE), and College of Veterinarian Medicine (CVM). Once the three colleges update and confirm the reports, the reports will be reviewed by the council.
3. Updates
 - a. Virginia Cooperative Extension (Ed Jones)

Ed Jones reported that Dan Goerlich has been named a new Associate Director in VCE.

The group discussed the VCE connection to the Innovation Campus.
 - b. Agriculture Experiment Station (Saied Mostaghimi)

Saied Mostaghimi reported that David Fiske, superintendent of the Virginia Tech Shenandoah Valley Agricultural Research and Extension Center passed away in November, and AES is screening candidates for his replacement.

Saied Mostaghimi reported that the annual AREC winter meeting and tour is scheduled for February 25-27, 2019. A group of university administrators, including the President and Provost, will visit all ARECs. Invitations to participate will be sent out to members on the Agribusiness Council, Farm Bureau, and legislators. Directors, superintendents, and faculty will provide a short presentation at each AREC followed by a tour of the facilities.

The group discussed a change in methodology for the National Science Foundation R&D expenditures in the agricultural sciences.

c. Deans

College of Natural Resources and Environment (Paul Winstorfer)

- CNRE has launched five faculty searches.
- The group discussed potential space and capital projects related to CNRE activities.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (Alan Grant)

- CALS will present the Global Agricultural Productivity (GAP) Report in 2019.

College of Veterinarian Medicine (Greg Daniel)

- CVM is engaged in an associate dean search.

4. Other Business

Alan Grant reported that the university provided a budget proposal to the Governor.

Alan Grant updated the council on proposals to generate Destination Area positions for cluster hiring within Agency 229 that would support and align with SmartFarm Innovation.

Gary Sherman reported that there are ongoing hiring and searches within the Office of Research and Innovation, and upcoming opportunities to meet new leadership.