

Administrative Council for Extension and Experiment Station Research Meeting

Friday, March 1, 2019

1:30 – 3:00 PM

130 Burruss Hall Conference Room

Present: Bob Broyden, Greg Daniel, Gary Sherman, Bob Smith, Ken Smith, Saied Mostaghimi, Susan Duncan, Steve Kleiber, Keith Goyne, Alan Grant, Paul Winistorfer, Ken Smith, D'Elia Chandler, Elizabeth Hooper (via Zoom)

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions (Alan Grant)
2. Discussion Items
 - a. Agency 229 Capital Outlay Plan (Bob Broyden)
Bob Broyden, Associate VP for Capital Assets and Financial Management (CAFM), provided an update on the Agency 229 Capital Outlay Plan. This is a follow-up to the February 1, 2019 Capital Outlay Plan discussion.

The group reviewed the draft Agency 229 Capital Outlay Plan which prioritized three projects. Bob asked the group to provide feedback on the plan. The plan will be finalized by the Board of Visitors during the March meeting.
 - b. VCE Fringe Savings Distribution (Tim Hodge)
Tim Hodge provided a summary of the VCE Fringe Savings distribution for the group to review. VCE savings were allocated to support 4H centers and improve internet connectivity in the field.
3. Updates
 - a. Agricultural Experiment Station (Saied Mostaghimi)
Saied Mostaghimi reported that the annual AREC tour was successful. The group, which include Virginia Tech Board of Visitor members, visited most of the ARECs except the Southwest AREC over four days. Saied shared that the group expressed the importance of the ARECs as a gateway to Virginia Tech for Virginia's rural communities.
 - b. Deans
Paul Winistorfer reported that the College of National Resources and Environment is engaged in multiple hiring searches.
 - c. Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation (Gary Sherman)

Gary Sherman shared that he visited with various units across campus to investigate an initiative to break down barriers and open connections with federal agencies. Gary will provide a report of his findings to the group in an upcoming meeting.

Gary also shared that the Aerial Systems Oversight Committee is investigating new drone policies. A significant portion of UAS research is in the agricultural area.

4. Other Business

Elizabeth Hooper reported that the governor is reviewing the executive budget. The General Assembly will return on April 3, 2019 for the veto session.

Gary Sherman shared that the university has procured a subscription to Scopus/SciVal/Funding Institutional, a publications and citations database, and university-wide trainings will be available in the upcoming months both in-person and through webinars.

D'Elia Chandler reported a positive outcome of the federal budget process.