

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

Friday, August 7, 2020

1:30-3:00 p.m.

By Zoom

Attendees: Keith Goyne, Bob Broyden, Cyril Clarke, Rob Mann, Ken Smith, Bob Smith, Saied Mostaghimi, Dan Givens, Saied Mostaghimi, Ed Jones, Rebekah Gunn, Don Taylor, Paul Winistorfer, Steve Kleiber, Alan Grant, Susan Duncan, Ken Miller, Elizabeth Hooper

1. Welcome and Introductions (Cyril Clarke)

2. Discussion Items

a.) Approval of Meeting Minutes (Mallory Miller)

Minutes from the May 2020 meeting were provided electronically with the current agenda. The minutes were approved.

b.) Capital Planning for the Next Biennium (Bob Broyden)



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Bob Broyden provided an overview of Agency 229 capital projects underway, which are; Kentland Facilities Improvements (\$12.46M), Virginia Seafood AREC (\$9.3M), and Animal Livestock and Production Facilities, Phase I (\$25.27M).

He also provided the current list of Agency 229 capital project priorities, which are: Global Systems Science Building (\$135.7M), Animal and Livestock Facilities Phase II (\$72.6M), and System-wide AREC Improvements (\$42.1M).

Bob noted that since the current projects will be close to completion or under construction during the next cycle, Agency 229 is well-positioned for a capital project proposal. However, Bob suggested that based on historical funding trends, the scale of the current list of priorities may be too large. Bob indicated that a capital project proposal ranging from \$25-40M might have a higher acceptance rate.

Additionally, Bob and Elizabeth received feedback from legislators that the cost of the Global System Sciences Building, and that the description of the building's programming were barriers.

The Council discussed in some detail the capital budget update schedule and process for updating the Agency 229 portion of the Capital Outlay Plan for 2022-2028.

Paul suggested that the College of Natural Resources and Environment would benefit from receiving state capital project fund, and would be able to enhance the Center Woods facility and Brooks Center for about \$15-20M.

Cyril suggested that the Agency 229 directors be responsible for convening the colleges to review and discuss Agency 229 capital project priorities. If needed, Cyril will be available to facilitate discussions. The group will have a draft plan completed by October 1, 2020. At which time, the group will engage with the Office of Capital Assets and Financial Management to update the Agency 229 portion of the Capital Outlay Plan for 2022-2028 in preparation for a June 2021 submission.

3. Updates

a.) Virginia Cooperative Extension (Ed Jones)

Ed Jones reported that Federal Report to the USDA had been successfully submitted.

VCE is finding new ways to keep children engaged in programs. Both the 4-H Congress and FFA Convention were successfully transitioned to virtual platforms. With the cancelation of 4-H summer camps, VCE is working with 4-H centers to fundraise to continue support for the centers. Ed noted that 4-H is an asset to the university.

VCE has partnered with the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine on a rural health initiative.

b.) Agricultural Experiment Station (Saied Mostaghimi)

Saied Mostaghimi reported that AES research programs are continuing to be successful on campus and at the ARECs. Research and field work at the ARECs are back to full capacity when social distancing guidelines can be upheld.

This year's field days successfully transitioned to virtual field days with an increase in participation.

c.) Deans

Dan Givens, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, reported that Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) students have returned to fall classes and are engaging with patients at the clinic.

The college received a \$1.4N National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant in support of training post-DVM veterinarians.

Paul Winistorfer, Dean of the College of Natural Resources and Environment, reported that the college received a \$23M National Science Foundation (NSF) grant for research related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bill Hopkins has been named associated director of Fralin Life Sciences Institute.

The renovation of a Cheatham Hall room that houses the Self-Assembled Wood Macromolecule Interface Lab will begin soon.

Alan Grant, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, shared leadership changes in two departments, Food Science Technology and Human Nutrition, Food, and Exercise.

In collaboration with the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, the college will hold a faculty training series on best practices for teaching online and hybrid platforms.

d.) OVPRI

Don Taylor, Interim VP for Research and Innovation, reported that the university research expenditures for the year are at a record high. Estimated to be \$351M external expenditures, which is up from \$321M last year. Don noted that the \$23M NSF grant is not included in this year's research expenditures.