

229 Council - Administrative Council for Extension and Experiment Station Research Meeting

Friday, June 1, 2018, 1:30PM – 3:00PM

130 Burruss Hall Conference Room

Present: Cyril Clarke, D'Elia Chandler, Ken Smith, Tim Hodge, Saied Mostaghimi, Mallory Miller, Ed Jones, Greg Daniel, Stephen Kleiber

1. Welcome and Introductions (Ken Smith)
2. Approval of Minutes (Mallory Miller)

Minutes from the May 4, 2018 meeting were provided electronically with the current agenda. The minutes were approved.
3. Ad Hoc Committee Update (Ken Smith)

Ken provided an update on the committee. The ad hoc committee membership includes representation from the 229 colleges, VCE, AES, and university finance. During the first meeting of the ad hoc committee, the membership reviewed their charge and began to discuss long range strategies to respond to faculty merit funding. The committee will continue to evaluate strategies in their upcoming meetings.
4. General Assembly Budget Update (Tim Hodge)

Tim Hodge reviewed the General Assembly approved budget which includes operating budget support for the operation and maintenance of new 229 facilities, and the restoration of the Soil Scientist Assistance Program previously funded by the Virginia Department of Health. Additionally, the budget includes support for faculty and staff salary increases in the second year of the biennium, however, the support is contingent upon meeting or exceeding state revenue forecasts.

Tim reported that the university is planning to move forward with a university supported merit increase for faculty and university staff in FY2018.
5. Updates
  - a. Virginia Cooperative Extension (Ed Jones)

Ed Jones reported that the State FFA Convention will be held on Virginia Tech's campus from June 18-21, 2018. The following week Virginia Tech will host a 4-H Junior Camp.

Ed reported that Katie Frazier has resigned as President of Virginia Agribusiness Council and is now working for the Farm Credit of the Virginias organization.

b. Agricultural Experience Station (Saied Mostaghimi)

Saied reported on the annual AREC bus tour. Ten faculty members visited four AREC facilities and met with all of the AREC directors. Following the tour, the faculty engaged in a field day with producers and industry members.

Saied provided an update on the composting facility project. Internal entities, including representatives from the 229 colleges, dining, housing, student sustainability groups, facilities, finance, and the Provost Office, met to discuss their interest in the project.

Saied reported that the ANR Summit report is currently in draft form. The final report will include outcomes of the summit and a list of action items.