

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

**Friday, September 7, 2018**

**1:30-2:30 p.m.**

**130 Burruss Hall Conference Room**

**Present: Saied Mostaghimi, Alan Grant, Paul Winistorfer, Steve Kleiber, D'Elia Chandler, Greg Daniel, Gary Sherman, Susan Duncan, Cyril Clarke, Tim Hodge, Ken Smith, Mallory Miller**

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions (Cyril Clarke)
2. ANR Initiative State Budget Request (Alan Grant)
  - a. Alan Grant provided a summary of the ANR Initiative Steering Committee conference call held on Monday, September 3, 2018. The steering committee reviewed the draft ARN Summit Report and provided feedback. Once the report is finalized it will be shared with attendees and stakeholders.

The committee discussed potential state budget requests for the six-year plan, and the impact of the ANR Initiative on state economic development efforts especially in terms of workforce and technology-practice development across the state.

- b. Update on 229 Salary Discussion (Ken Smith)  
Ken Smith reviewed the charge of the ad hoc committee on faculty merit funding. The committee met twice. During the initial meeting, the committee brainstormed ideas that could lower 229 costs or increase 229 resources to address salaries while considering potential financial value and accountability risk for each. In the second meeting the committee reviewed budget development outcomes that were based on ideas generated during the first meeting.

The ad hoc committee discussed more sustainable options for increasing resources, and will compile recommendations into a report for the larger committee to review this fall.

c. Composting Project Update (Saied Mostaghimi)

Saied Mostaghimi provided an update on a proposed composting facility. The updated proposal identifies potential internal partners and outlines the estimated capital costs and average annual operating costs. The committee discussed the potential scope of the project and the potential management structures of the facility.

The committee discussed the impact the facility would have on the management of land nutrients.

Cyril Clarke proposed that a detailed business plan be developed for review by the committee.