

Administrative Council
for
Extension and Experiment Station Research Meeting

Friday, August 5, 2022
1:30-3:00 p.m.
130 Burruss Hall Conference Room

Participants: Keith Goyne, Alan Grant, Steve Kleiber, Dan Sui, Ken Miller, Elizabeth Hooper, Cyril Clarke, Ben Grove, Rebekah Gunn, Paul Winistorfer

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions (Cyril Clarke)

2. Discussion Items

a.) Approval of Meeting Minutes (Mallory Miller)

The minutes from the July meeting were distributed electronically with the agenda for the council to review. The minutes were approved.

b.) Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Ranking Update (Mallory Miller)

Mallory Miller, project director in the Provost Office, provided an overview of the university's latest Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings. The university placed #98 in the world in the 2022 THE Impact Rankings. The rankings attempt to assess universities against the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals in three major categories: research, outreach and stewardship.

Mallory highlighted sustainability-related activities within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, College of Natural Resources and Environment, and College of Veterinary Medicine in research, teaching, and outreach.

c.) Central Savings Distribution Plan (Alan Grant and Steve Kleiber)

Alan Grant, dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALs), and Steve Kleiber, assistant dean of finance and administration in CALs, presented the central saving distribution plan.

Alan shared that the VCE and AES directors met with the three Agency 229 college deans to develop the distribution plan. In the plan, all three colleges receive AES and VCE central savings to support top Agency 229 priorities within their respective colleges. Additionally, the plan includes support for two cross-cutting initiatives: CeZAP and professional development focused on grant writing.

The group approved the central savings distribution plan.

Additionally, Steve provided a high-level review of the plan to distribute new state funding for AREC equipment. The AREC directors were engaged in developing the plan, which prioritized cost sharing and cooperative work amongst ARECs. Steve noted that the plan has been submitted to the Office of Budget and Financial Planning.

The group was supportive of the AREC equipment plan.

3. Unit Updates

a.) Virginia Cooperative Extension

Alan Grant, dean of the CALS, shared that VCE received new funding from the State to enhance VCE agent salaries. VCE is working with central Human Resources as part of the review process.

Ben Grove, associate director for strategic partnerships and engagement, shared that VCE completed a Civil Rights Review, which occurs every five years. VCE received positive feedback and expect the report to be released this fall.

d.) Deans

Alan shared that a new IT Director will start next week who will support CALS, VCE, and AES.

Paul Winistorfer, dean of the College of Natural Resources and Environment, shared that the college will engage in a retreat focused on research opportunities and challenges.

The college discussed the Governor's Summit on Rural Prosperity.

e.) OVPRI

Dan Sui, vice president for research and innovation, shared updates on current grant proposals and the integration of research topics into the new faculty orientation.

The group discussed the opportunities and challenges within Agency 229 to submit proposals for large grants.

4. Other Updates (group)

Elizabeth Hooper shared that state and federal officials will be visiting campus in the fall.

Elizabeth also asked the group for feedback on re-engaging in pre-pandemic stakeholder meetings and events.

Don Taylor asked the council to encourage faculty to participate in the Destination Area 2.0 call for proposal.