

Administrative Council for Extension and Experiment Station Research Minutes

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Friday, May 2, 2014, 2:00PM-3:00PM
325 Burruss Hall Conference Room

Attendance: Martin Daniel, Ralph Byers, Jody Jellison, Ed Jones, Saied, Mark McNamee, Tim Hodge, Paul Winistorfer, Cyril Clarke, Alan Grant, Jeff Earley

5. Welcome and Introductions (Mark McNamee)
6. Discussion Items
 - a. Extension Centennial (Ed Jones)
 - i. Activities scheduled for the celebration include an ice cream social in the Ag Quad and a luncheon in Owen's Banquet Hall. Dr. Keith Miller from Virginia State University will be in attendance and speak at the luncheon.
 - b. Volunteer Management and Background Checks (Ed Jones)
 - i. Over the last 4 years, all 4-H summer camp employees have undergone background checks. There are currently 29,000 volunteers; the ones that handle money or work with vulnerable populations will also need to be included in this screening process. Right now, individuals are paying for the screening themselves. However, the university is exploring options to pay for these necessary background checks.
7. Updates
 - a. Virginia Cooperative Extension
 - b. Agricultural Experiment Station
 - i. AES is currently ranked 7th by National Science Foundation for total R&D expenditures in agricultural sciences and 6th for federal R&D expenditures.
 - ii. A bus tour of select ARECs is scheduled for this summer in partnership with participants from the NC system.
 - iii. In an effort to address the retention issues at the Eastern Shore AREC, an annual "location supplement" has been created for faculty while they are working there.
 - iv. External reviews of all ARECs in the system will begin in October/November.
 - c. Deans
 - i. College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs)
 1. Phase 1 of the dairy relocation is progressing well in Kentland. Phase 2 will continue in planning phases but will not receive construction funding this year. Therefore, temporary solutions will need to be developed to meet the needs of research and education during the approximately 18 months when facilities will not be available. Faculty groups are investigating possible solutions. March 2015 is the target date to vacate the building.
 - ii. College of Natural Resources and Environment (CRNE)
 1. Alumnus Bettina Ring was named the new State Forester of Virginia.

2. The growing populations of wild hogs across the state has become a concern. The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries is asking for our input regarding engagement, extension, and solutions to deal with this problem.

- iii. College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM)

1. The college is reevaluating extension commitments of its faculty.

8. Other Business

- a. Ralph Byers reported that funding was approved for O&M for the HABBI building. However, as less state revenue is being projected, there are concerns about debt capacity for new buildings.