

## Approved

### Minutes of the September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, Meeting of the CELS Executive Council

**Call to Order:** A meeting of the College of the Environment and Life Sciences Executive Council was held at 10:30AM in CBLS 435. Members present were Department Chairs Savage, Lane, Becker, Uchida, Chandlee, Brown, Paton and Petersson; Associate Deans, Sartini, Townson and Wilga; and *ex-officio* members Palmer and Silvia, Dean Kirby presided.

**Approval of Minutes:** *It was moved by Lane and seconded by Paton to approve the August 26, 2022, Minutes of the Executive Council. The minutes were approved unanimously as presented.*

#### Announcements:

##### **Dean Kirby**

1. The update on the Provost Search is that it failed.
2. The Unit Budgets are still not approved, possible date three weeks from today.
3. University wide strategic planning is moving forward, the current plan expires in 2023. Associate Deans will be working on Research, Extension and Curriculum, CELS has a five-year plan, the University has a ten-year plan.
4. URI online lost \$1.3 million, President is offering funding for development of online programs and Masters degree.
5. Unit Budgets still not approved.
6. On October 6<sup>th</sup>, we have invited guest Pat McShane '85, a graduate of URI's Department of Marine Affairs presented "Stopping the Biggest Oil Spill You've Never Heard of", Higgins Welcome Center, 6pm.

##### **Associate Dean Sartini**

1. The TA Allocation Committee- Graduate Coordinator recommendation for TA allocation to the Provost for four-years: New ten TAs for the next four years for university. Adding one third of current allocated to pool, total of one hundred and thirty tow reallocated across the University. Cels would be twenty four of the seventy-one into reallocation.
2. Open House Dates- October 2<sup>nd</sup> & October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

##### **Meredith Silvia**

1. Faculty Development funding list is now available, \$213 per faculty member.
2. Support staff and Unit Coordinators having been meeting for staff reassignments. Once completed the Chairs will be notified.
3. Coordinator and fiscal clerk vacancy positions have been posted.
4. There are two staff currently on medical leave, Colleen Blackwood and Denise Brown.
5. Refraining from having reimbursements to graduate students for out-of-pocket expenses, no guarantee that they will be reimbursed.

***Associate Dean Townson***

1. Invite Kevin Stacey to attend one of our Executive Council meetings to discuss his role with working with our Communication Fellows.
2. Federal reporting guidance will be released earlier this year, within the next two weeks.

Old Business:

1. There was no old business.

New Business:

1. There was no new business.

*Adjournment: It was moved & seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25am.*

Respectfully Submitted:

Judy Palmer, Executive Assistant to Dean Kirby