

## Minutes of the May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 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 1:00 PM in CBLS 435. Members present were Department Chairs Becker, Brown, Chandlee, Lane, Paton, Petersson, Savage and Uchida; Associate Deans Sartini and Townson; *ex officio* members Palmer and Silvia with Dean John Kirby presiding.

**Approval of Minutes:** *It was moved by Dr. Becker and seconded by Dr. Lane to approve the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Minutes of the Executive Council. The minutes were approved unanimously as presented.*

### Announcements/Updates:

#### Dean Kirby

1. Discussion/recap of the presentations from President Parlange and Provost Wolfe during the CELS All Faculty and Staff Meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.
  - a. Development of a revenue based model is underway. Still many questions to be answered.
    - i. Tentative timeline:
      1. Proposal to the Curriculum Committee this fall
      2. July 2025 – initial roll out of incentive based model
      3. 2026 – full roll out
  - b. Intense interest in development of professional online graduate programs and certificates.
    - i. Synergy between the academic and online calendar is being examined.
  - c. Development of big centers that get congressional buy in
2. Dean Kirby envisions the development of an Oceanography undergraduate track which will require a joint effort from all.
3. Dr. Payton expressed concern for the open faculty positions due to the retirement of Drs. Amador and Gold.
4. Dr. Brown questioned whether there would be money available for the development of the new online programs – there may be some one time money. The online programs need to make money therefore it is critical to understand the market demand for each program.
5. Need to become more efficient with faculty time.
6. It is anticipated that the tuition rate for PhD and Masters students will be \$12K starting in the fall of 2024.

#### Associate Dean Sartini

1. Online Pedagogy course starts June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Dean's Office will pay a day rate compensation for 4 days for faculty interested in taking the course.
2. Department faculty will be able to greet graduating students as they come off the stage.
3. TA assignments – the list for the departmental Graduate Teaching Assistantships have been finalized. Contracts will be issued by the end of June. There must be a commitment to course assignments.
4. Academic Program Review Self Study – discussed draft wording for letters soliciting the external reviewers.

#### Associate Dean Townson

1. Requested that department Chairs resolve any lingering workload issues as soon as possible.

**New Business:** There was no new business.

**Old Business:** There was no old business.

Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Dr. Becker and Dr. Lane seconded by.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katherine Petersson, Interim Faculty Secretary