

Minutes of the November 17th, 2023, Meeting of the CELS Executive Council

Call to order: Call to order: A meeting of the College of the Environment and Life Sciences Executive Council was held at 11:00 AM in CBLS 435. Members present were Department Chairs Becker, Brown, Chandlee, Lane, Payton, Petersson, Uchida and Boving; Skip Wilson and Associate Deans Sartini, Townson, and Wilga; ex officio members with Dean John Kirby presiding.

Announcements/Updates:

Dean Kirby

- URI is moving to R1 status. At this time still listed as an EPSCoR state
- QS rankings – there will be increased effort in boosting URI institutional stature. Previous survey did not have a high return rate. Areas of focus will be on US and international collaborators. Need to increase the number of sponsored students from international partners.
- Executive Council on Dec 1st – John Poehlmann will visit to discuss new Incentive Based Budgeting model.

Associate Dean Sartini

Reminder on upcoming deadline:

- P&T Chair letters due to Dean Kirby by Dec. 1st.
- Graduate TA's that need a second semester contract need to be hired by Dec. 16th
- IDEA's – open to students on Nov. 28th, custom questions need to be entered by the 28th
- Sarah Puckett is working on the tabulation of experiential learning – needs input from chairs
- The fall 2024 schedule is due Dec. 1st and the summer schedule by Dec. 15th.

Associate Dean Wilga

- There is no Presidential Fellowship program this year.
- The new grants program in CELS had 13 grant resubmission proposals that will be reviewed and ranked by the CELS Research Committee.

Associate Dean Townson

- Hoping to have staffing issues resolved in early January.
- Web access – each department can identify one person within the department responsible for making website edits for the department.

Skip Wilson

- Fund raising campaign is on target. \$18M has been raised.

New Business: There was no new business.

Old Business: There was no old business.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katherine Petersson, Interim Faculty Secretary