

Minutes of the April 15, 2024, 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 CBL5 435. Members present were Department Chairs Becker, Brown, Cardace (for Boving), Chandlee, McWilliams (for Payton), Preisser (for Lane), Petersson and Uchida; Associate Deans Sartini and Townson, Executive Assistant to the Dean Judy Palmer, CELS Chief Budget Officer, Monica York and Skip Wilson ex officio members with Dean John Kirby presiding.

A motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of the Executive Council on April 1st was made by Evan Preisser (BIO) and seconded by Rebecca Brown (PSE, LAR). All members present voted unanimously to approve.

Announcements/Updates:

Dean Kirby

1. Introduced Monica York, the new CELS Chief Budget Officer. She will be focused on the implementation of the new budget model, working closely with the department chairs particularly in research and innovation components by helping to identify and assess opportunities for program revenue capacity. Grants and contracts and the associated staff will fall under Monica. She will oversee the entire budgetary enterprise.
2. Incentive Based Budget general discussion about current timeline and potential IDC changes.
3. An RFP for a public/private agreement to build more grad student housing is being considered.
4. The new biomedical sciences building is slated to be a bond issue this year and, if passed, occupancy of the building would likely be 4-5 years away.
5. Within 5 years URI will be moving from PeopleSoft to WorkDay.

Associate Dean Sartini

1. All faculty workload updates are due by April 22nd.

Associate Dean Townson

1. The new CELS IT hire starts the following week. He will be working with Glenn and providing leadership on the website updates.
2. Two students will be evaluated next week for the CELS competition in the RISEUP Innovation and Entrepreneurship Challenge.

Judy Palmer

1. Effort Certification Reports will be coming out and will need to be signed.

New Business: There was no new business.

Old Business: There was no old business.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katherine Petersson, Interim Faculty Secretary