

APPROVED MINUTES

CELS Faculty and Professional Staff Meeting – August 28, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. on Wednesday, August 28, 2014 in CBLS 100, Dean John Kirby presiding. The following faculty and professional staff members were present: Anderson, Atash, August, Becker, Blackwood, Boving, Brown, D., Cabaris, Camberg, Cohen, Dacey, Engelhart, English, Fastovsky, Fontes-Barros, Ginsberg, Gold, Goldsmith, Gomez-Chiarri, Gordon, Green W., Greene, Guilfoos, Jenkins, Killingbeck, Kolbe, Lane, Leibovitz, Lofgren, Martin, Mitkowski, Moseman-Valtierra, Nelson, Norris, Opaluch, Palmer, Paquette, Petersson, Rhodes, Rice, Savage, Seibel, Sheely, Sheridan, Silvia, Simeoni, Sperry, Sullivan, Sun, Thompson, Trandafir, Uchida, H., Veeger, Venturini, Wang, Webb, White, Wilga and Y. Zhang.
2. The Minutes from the May 1, 2014 CELS Faculty and Professional Staff Meeting were approved.
3. Announcements/Correspondence:
 - a. Dean Kirby announced the promotion of the following CELS faculty members:
 1. Hiro Uchida -- tenured Associate Professor
 2. Christopher Lane -- tenured Associate Professor
 3. Katherine Petersson -- tenured Associate Professor
 4. Lenny Moise -- Associate Research Professor
 5. Tracey Dalton -- Full Professor
 6. Rob Thompson -- Full Professor
 7. Brian Maynard -- Full Professor III
 - b. Dean Kirby announced the following newest hires to CELS:
 1. Austin Becker -- Marine Affairs, Landscape Architecture -- Assistant Professor
 2. David Bidwell -- Marine Affairs -- Assistant Professor
 3. Bryan Dewsbury -- Biological Sciences -- Assistant Professor
 4. Soni Pradhanang -- Geological Sciences -- Assistant Professor
 5. Deborah Sheely -- Natural Resources Sciences -- Professor (and CE Associate Director)
 6. Jennifer Arts -- Nutrition and Food Sciences -- Lecturer
 7. Chris Card -- Fisheries, Animal & Veterinary Sciences -- Lecturer
 - c. Dean Kirby announced the new appointment and reappointment of Department Chairs:
 1. Cathy English -- Nutrition and Food Sciences
 2. David Fastovsky -- Geological Sciences
 3. Marta Gomez-Chiarri -- Fisheries, Animal & Veterinary Science
 4. Cheryl Wilga -- Biological Sciences
4. Paul DePace of the URI Capital Projects Office gave a presentation on construction activities on campus. He discussed the progress of the Chemistry building, expected to be completed in 2016. Some of the parking in the old Chafee lot will return once construction is completed. There is a major renovation of Butterfield Dining Hall underway which will necessitate closing of Butterfield road near the construction site with one-way traffic only. There is a traffic detour plan. The LGBTQ Center on Upper College road on the old Ruggles House site is scheduled for completion Spring 2015. The Fine Arts Center is undergoing major fire safety upgrades along with several other buildings on campus. Over \$25 million has been spent so far to comply with the 2004 Fire Code legislation passed in the wake of the Station Nightclub fire. The next building on tap for development is a substantial Engineering building to be placed on the sites of Crawford, Kirk, Gilbreth, and parts of Wales Hall. This measure must be put on the ballot for voters and it is expected to be the largest bond issue ever proposed by the University. There was a discussion of snow

removal procedures. Mr. DePace mentioned that snow removal capabilities have improved greatly over his career. Roads are first priority to allow emergency vehicle access. Second priority are parking lots, followed by walkways.

5. Reports of Standing Committees:

- a) Curriculum Committee. The only standing Committee to give a report was the Curriculum Committee, given by Prof. Cathy English. Prof. English reported that the first meeting of the committee occurred the day before on the 27th. She urged all faculty with course proposals or other curricular business should heed the schedule of course proposal deadlines so that the process of scheduled hearings by the Curricular Affairs Committee and the Faculty Senate will not be missed, causing frustrating delays. The calendar of course proposal deadlines and CAC meetings and Senate meeting dates will be posted on the CELS Curriculum Committee website: <http://web.uri.edu/celsgov/curriculum-committee/>

5. Old Business:

There was no old business

6. New Business:

There was no new business

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. Rice, Secretary of the CELS Faculty