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CELS Faculty and Professional Staff Meeting – May 2, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 in CBLS 10 (emergency venue change from the agenda), Associate Dean Anne Veeger presiding. The following faculty and professional staff members were present: Abedon, Adams, Anderson, August, Becker, Bello, Bidwell, Blackwood, Bourassa, Brackee, Bradley, Brown, D., Brown, R., Camberg, Cardace, Cary, Casagrande, Chen, Clarke, Couret, Dalton, Dewsbury, Dondeti, Druschke, Duhaime, Dutta, Engelhart, Englander, Fastovsky, Faubert, Fontes-Barros, Frazier, Frost, Gold, Goldsmith, Gomez-Chiarri, Grandidge, Green, Gregory, Gregg, Guilfoos, Hamidzada, Heine, Howlett, Irvine, Joubert, Kolbe, LaBash, Laliberte, Lane, Lang, Legare, LeBrun, Link, Macinko, Mallilo, Martin, Mather T, Maynard, McGreevy, McLean, McWilliams, Michailidis, Mitkowski, Moise, Moore, Morreira, Morris, Muhitch, Nelson, Nixon, Norris, Opaluch, Palmer, Paquette, Petersson, Phillips, Pradhanang, Preisser, Prior, Putnam, Radin, Ramsey, Rice, Roberts, Sartini, Savage, Schwartz, Sheely, Sherry, Smallridge, Sproul, Stolt, Sullivan, Sun, Taylor, Thawley, Thornber, Trandafir, Travis, Tremblay, Van Sciver, Veeger, Venturini K., Venturini, V., Vetvois, Vieira, Wang, Wetherbee, Zhang, B. and Zhang Y.
2. The Minutes from the September 6, 2016 CELS Faculty and Professional Staff Meeting were approved.
3. Associate Dean Veeger introduced Vice President for Research and Economic Development Dr. Gerald Sonnenfeld who spoke on the topic of funding of research and scholarly activity during the Trump Administration. At this time many of the programs important to CELS such as USDA-NIFA and Sea Grant have been fully funded for at least the time being in the continuing resolution.
4. Associate Dean Veeger introduced Ms. Claire Gadrow, Vice President for Development at the URI Foundation. She discussed the ambitious fundraising goals of the 125th Anniversary celebration year. All are asked to help in the effort of engaging parents and friends to donate. Dean Kirby & Kari Van Buren will be meeting with potential corporate donors. Faculty are asked to send information about potential Alumni donors to the Foundation.
5. Announcements/Correspondence:
 - a. Associate Dean Veeger announced the new faculty hires to be joining CELS: Dr. Carlos Prada, Dr. Jonathan Puritz, Dr. Beth Mendenhall, Dr. Steven Gregory.
 - b. The 2017 CELS Excellence Awardees were announced. They were: Staff Excellence, Mamie Chen; Outreach & Extension Excellence, Andrew Radin; and Teaching Excellence, Simona Trandafir. No nominations for the Research Excellence Award were received this year.
 - c. Associate Dean Veeger Announced the CELS Faculty and Staff retirees for this year. They are: Dr. Richard Casagrande, Dr. Marian Goldsmith, Dr. Thomas Husband, Paul Johnson, and Dr. Gregory Paquette. The retirees received a hearty round of applause and thanks from all.
 - d. Associate Dean Veeger announced the newly promoted members of the CELS Faculty as follows:
 - 1) Bethany Jenkins to Professor
 - 2) Alison Roberts to Full Professor III
 - 3) Yeqiao Wang to Full Professor III
 - 4) Dawn Cardace to Associate Professor with Tenure
 - 5) Simon Engelhard to Associate Professor with Tenure
 - 6) Jason Kolbe to Associate Professor with Tenure

- 7) Cory Lang to Associate Professor with Tenure
 - 8) Serena Moseman-Valtierra to Associate Professor with Tenure
 - 9) Thomas Sproul to Associate Professor with Tenure
 - 10) Edward Bozzi to Clinical Full Professor
- e. Associate Dean Veeger thanked outgoing CELS Faculty Senators for their service to the College and the University: Todd Guilfoos (ENRE), Brian Maynard (PLE), and Faculty Senate Chairperson W. Michael Sullivan (PLE), and she announced the newly elected Senators who will be serving from 2017 to 2020: Lenore Martin (CMB); Robert Thompson (MAF); Hirotsugu Uchida (ENRE). As is customary, new Senators take office with the May Senate Meeting on May 4, 2017.
6. Faculty Secretary Rice announced CELS and URI Faculty Senate Committee and Graduate Council elections. Ballots were distributed to Faculty and votes were tallied by the members of the Bylaws and Review Committee. Results are as follows:
- 1) Member of the URI Graduate Council serving to 2020 is Scott McWilliams (NRS)
 - 2) Members of the CELS Curriculum Committee serving to 2020 are Alison Roberts (BIO), and Soni Pradhang (GEO)
 - 3) Members of the CELS Space Committee serving to 2020 are Austin Humphries (FAVS) and Bethany Jenkins (CMB)
 - 4) Members of the CELS Research Committee serving to 2020 are Niall Howlett (CMB), Simon Englehart (GEO), and Jason Kolbe (BIO).
 - 5) Member of the CELS Commencement Committee serving until 2020, Simona Trandafir (ENRE); Member of the CELS Commencement Committee serving until 2018, Jodi Camberg (CMB)
 - 6) Member of the CELS Bylaws and Review Committee serving until 2020, Jessica Frazier (MAF)
 - 7) Member of URI Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee serving until 2018 as a temporary sabbatical replacement, W. Michael Sullivan (PLE)
 - 8) Member representing CELS on the Senate Information Technology, Infrastructure, Communications & Networking Committee until 2020, Ying Zhang (CMB)
 - 9) Member representing CELS on URI Faculty Senate General Education Committee until 2020, Steven Irvine (BIO)
 - 10) Member representing CELS on URI Faculty Senate Undergraduate Academic Advising Committee until 2020, Joanna Norris (BIO)
4. Reports of Standing Committees:
- a) Curriculum Committee: The Curriculum Committee report was given by Prof. Brian Savage. He reported that several courses were approved and forwarded on to the CAC. The Committee report is attached as Appendix 1. And he reported that the course and curriculum review tracking system implemented by the Faculty Senate has been up and running and accessible at: <http://www.uri.edu/facsen/tracker.html>. Status of courses sent to the CAC can be found there.
 - b) Research Committee: There was no report from the Research Committee
 - c) Associate Dean Sheely gave the report on the Cooperative Extension and Outreach Coordinating Committee. She reported that the year-long Strategic Planning Initiative is coming to a close and a final report and implementation will be rolled out soon. The Cooperative Extension and Outreach Coordinating Committee will have a key role in CE program implementation and evaluation.
 - d) Professor Lane provided a brief report of the Space Committee activities over the last year.

- e) Professor Trandafir provided the report of the Commencement Committee. The committee had been working diligently on preparations for the CELS Undergraduate Ceremony to be held at the Ryan Center at 7:00PM on Saturday May 20. Details of her report can be found here: http://web.uri.edu/celsgov/files/CELS_Commencement_2017.pdf All faculty are encouraged to attend the commencement ceremonies.
- f) Ms. Fontes-Barros presented a brief report of the Diversity Committee.
- g) Professor Petersson presented the report of the Bylaws and Review Committee. There was discussion of potential problems arising with shortages of willing volunteers to stand for election and serve on CELS and University Committees. The problem will become acute in 2019 when several serving members will have served a full two terms per the CELS and Faculty Senate Bylaws and become ineligible for reelection. Is there a willingness to amend the bylaws to allow for more than two terms of committee service? Former Faculty Senate Chairperson Sullivan said that there is a current effort by the Faculty Senate to consolidate and reduce numbers of committees and members, with possible institution of formal release time for service per the Provost's Office, but it is still under discussion. Professor Gold suggested further streamlining of CELS Committees, but measures to amend the CELS bylaws met with opposition in discussions of this topic at the May 3, 2016 CELS Faculty & Professional Staff Meeting. There was a sentiment that CELS Committees were already fairly streamlined allowing for broad departmental representation in key (Curriculum and Space) with lesser numbers of members on other committees. The issue was left unresolved noting that a number of new Assistant Professors were elected to serve on committees this year and there is time to see how things are working out.

5. Old Business:

There was no old business

6. New Business:

a) Chairperson Preisser mentioned that the Sigma XI Scientific Research Society is offering small grants-in-aid (between \$750 to \$1000) to go directly to students. He will send nomination forms to any interested faculty who might want their students to avail of this program.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. and immediately followed by a catered luncheon.

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

Appendix I -- Report of the CELS Curriculum Committee

CELS Curriculum Committee - 2016-2017

Rebecca Brown (PLS)
David Bidwell (MAF)
Joel Chandlee (CMB)
Nancy Karraker (NRS)
Katherine Petersson (FAVS)
Jim Opaluch (ENRE)
Alison Roberts (BIO)
Brian Savage (GEO)
Anne Veeger

New Chair for 2017-18 - Rebecca Brown

CELS Curriculum Committee - Approved Proposals 2016-2017

- | AFS 560/X - Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management
- | AVS 101 (Online) - Introduction to Animal Science
- | AVS 344 - Methods in Applied Animal Behavior
- | AVS 442 - Physiology and Behavior of Marine Mammals
- | PLS 498 Teaching Practicum in Plant Sciences
- | SAF 400G - Reimagining food systems through agroecology
- | BIO 181G - The information age: from politics to medicine
- | BIO 308 - The Invisible Living Ocean
- | BIO 310 - Bermuda Marine Biodiversity
- | BIO 396 - Biology and Society
- | BIO 439X 539 X - Big Data Analysis
- | BIO 572 - Course Change: Advanced Evolutionary Biology
- | BIO Minor Notice of Change
- | BIO Biology BA Notice of Change
- | BIO Biology BS Notice of Change
- | BIO Marine Bio Notice of Change
- | CMB 260G - Sequencing our genomes: From ancestry to disease
- | CMB 265G - Science and Pseudoscience
- | CMB 320 - Cross listing with BIO
- | CMB 460 - Experimental Approaches in Molecular and Cell Biology
- | CMB Notice of Change - MS Medical Laboratory Science
- | EEC 352 - Economics of Small Scale Renewable Energy Systems
- | EVS 295X - Introduction to Undergraduate Research
Submitted
- | GEO 598 - Environmental Hazards, Risks, Response, and Safety: Refresher
- | BES 502X - STEM Course Design in Higher Education
- | BES 533 - Using Multimedia to Communicate Science

- | BES 551X - Ecosystem Science and Sustainability (New)
- | IEB Notice - Integrative Evolutionary Biology (IEB) track to Evolution and Marine Biology (EMB)
- | MESM Notice of Change to Establish Subplans
- | MESM Notice of Change
- MAF 300X - Science Studies for Ecology and Environmental Science
- | MAF 500X - Social Studies of Science
- | MAF 531X - Environmental Justice
- | MAF 591 / 592 - Marine Affairs Directed Study or Research
- | MAF 650 - Marine Affairs Doctoral Research Seminar
- | MAF Notice of Change
- | NRS 305 (Minor Change) - Principles of Wildlife Ecology and Management