

## Minutes of the October 23, 2014 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 9:00am at the CBL 435. Members present were Department Chairs, English, Fastovsky, Green, Gold, Gomez-Chiarri, Opaluch, Thompson and Wilga; Associate Deans Rhodes and Veeger, CE Representative Morreira, Faculty Secretary Rice and *ex-officio* members Curfman, and Messier. PLS Chair Mitkowski, CMB Chair Sun, CE Associate Director Sheely, and *ex-officio* member Anderson were absent; CMB was represented by Professor Cohen; Dean Kirby presided.

**Approval of Minutes:** *It was moved by Gomez-Chiarri and seconded by Opaluch to approve the minutes of September 4, 2014 and they were unanimously approved as written.*

### Announcements:

1. Associate Dean Veeger announced that there are some TAs available with biological experience, also the call for fall 2015 classes will be coming out soon & there should be effort by chairs to discuss and arrange course offering times for best use of classroom resources and TAs. She would be looking at scheduling for potential conflicts.
2. Business Manager Curfman announced that the position for the fiscal coordinator for unit 3 is posted for search; Amy Porter has left the University and a search for a college fundraiser will be conducted simultaneously with a search for a separate individual with the same position at GSO.
3. Dean Kirby announced that the Council of Deans had not met for a while. But vision statements were being discussed concerning the 55 new faculty lines will be hired in the next four years (about 40 tenure-track lines and 15 lecturers). A draft vision for the hiring was being actively discussed. Three key criteria to be considered are impacts on teaching & learning; research & scholarship; and innovation & excellence. Successful proposals for new hires must touch on all three of the key criteria. The more collaborative and interdisciplinary the proposed hires would be, the better we will do. "Be robust in your requests." Large interdisciplinary courses for 200+ undergrads would be looked on very favorably in the process.
4. Dean Kirby urged the Water Resources and the Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems groups and others to produce a white paper on how to move forward to build their clusters and how proposed new faculty might fit in. He needs material to bring forth the needs of the College when faculty line allocations begin being discussed.
5. The request for positions will be released soon by the Provost's Office so all departments were urged to build a 4-year strategic allocation wish list.
6. The Academic Affairs Productivity Analysis of Departments came out of the Provost's Office, was discussed in context of potential new hires. The document is appended to these minutes as Appendix 1.

**New Business:**

1. Chairperson English brought up the topic of exact procedures for handling of documents during P&T Reviews. Discussion ensued.

2. Associate Dean Veeger noted that there is considerable interest in post-graduation employment histories of our grads. There will be a greater effort to collect such data. Chairperson English noted that NFS has a survey form sent out to their grads and stated she'd share with Associate Dean Veeger to benefit the effort.

**Old Business:**

There was no old business

**Adjournment:** *It was moved & seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm*

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael A. Rice, Faculty Secretary

with consult of some supplemental notes by David Fastovsky

**APPENDIX 1**  
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