

Minutes of the March 20, 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 12:30pm at the CBL 435. Members present were Department Chairs, Bengtson, Fastovsky, Green, Greene, Gold, Opaluch, Roberts, Sun, and Thompson; Associate Deans Rhodes and Veeger, CE Associate Director Sheely, CE Representative Morreira, and *ex-officio* members Curfman, Messier and Porter. Members absent were Department Chair Mitkowski, Faculty Secretary Rice, and *ex-officio* member Anderson; PLS was represented by Professor Brown; Dean Kirby presided.

Approval of Minutes: *Approval of the minutes of the March 6, 2014 meeting were tabled and pending approval at the April 3rd meeting.*

Announcements:

1. URI Chief Information Officer Garry Bozylinsky and several members of his staff including Charles Schifino and Michael Motta were on hand to discuss the upcoming migration of the current email system to a gmail-based platform. A consulting firm, SADA, has been hired to assist in managing the roll-out of the new email system. All university faculty & staff email accounts will be moved from the current ds.uri.edu server to gmail between now and July (between now and June 30 for CELS). MS-Outlook and similar email programs should work within the architecture but will not be supported by the new system. Everybody will be able to keep their own email addresses and aliases; current passwords will remain valid. A FAQ page about the switchover will be maintained. Mike Motta of the Office of Computing Systems will be the point person on the project, so faculty and staff should expect updates from him as the project proceeds.
2. Seven students from Indonesia have applied for Graduate studies. Students are expected to arrive in July. Each student in addition to living expenses and tuition will be provided \$6k/yr from the Indonesian Government for travel and research expenses. There will probably be 18 more applicants to begin January, 2015. An arrangement with Kaplan to assist Indonesians with preparations for the GRE has been made.
3. Associate Dean Rhodes announced that campus police have been enforcing one-way traffic at the Flag Road entrance to the new parking lot adjacent to the greenhouses. Discussion ensued.
4. Business Manager Silvia provided copies of the CELS administrative organizational chart, a copy of which is appended to these minutes.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

Adjournment: *It was moved & seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm*

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael A. Rice, Faculty Secretary from notes by David A. Bengtson

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Administrative Structure

APPENDIX 1

