

## Minutes of the October 5, 2015 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 10:00 am at the CBL 435. Members present were Department Chairs, Gold, Gomez-Chiarri, Mitkowski, Opaluch, Roberts, and Sun; Associate Deans Rhodes and Sheely; CE Representative Morreira and *ex-officio* members Silvia and Van Buren. Associate Dean Veeger, Department Chairs English and Thompson, *ex officio* member Porter and Faculty Secretary Rice were absent; Dean Kirby presided.

**Approval of Minutes:** *Minutes of April 30, 2015 were tabled pending approval at next Executive Council Meeting.*

### **Announcements:**

According to Dean Kirby, VPs are requesting a change in the formula of indirect cost returns. This will cost CELS 7% of what we were getting before, about \$40k total (starting in fall 2016). Due to this change, CELS still keeps the 75/25 split to be able to offer startup for new faculty. Due to the Provost's office providing a 40% match for Equipment only, there will be less flexibility in changing how startup is used once it has been agreed to.

Associate Dean Rhodes: Herbarium has moved to Woodward, Prof. Killingbeck used to manage it. Rick requests that we poll faculty to find out what is the frequency of use of the herbarium in teaching, research, outreach. Should the collection be consolidated with Brown and RISD, curated and digitized? Keith started the process of digitizing with Yale University.

Meredith Silvia: CELS has a driver for the new bus, Nasir is working to incorporating the bus into the van scheduling system. Department chairs should be notified if there is a need for the bus, particularly if past procedure is to arrange for rental buses.

Kari Van Buren: The Boothroyd Hall of Fame dinner coming up. Also 3 CELS distinguished award winners (DAA) visiting the weekend of Oct 16th, from GEO, NRS, and MAF. The CELS website has information about their very interesting talks

Respectfully Submitted:

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from notes by Marta Gomez Chiarri