

Minutes of the April 21, 2020 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 1:30 pm via Webex Teleconference due to in-person meeting restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Members present were Department Chairs Chandlee, Dalton, Gold, Gomez-Chiarri, Mitkowski, Roberts, Savage and Uchida; Associate Deans, Sartini, Sheely, and Thornber; *ex-officio* members Palmer, Silvia, and Wilson; and Faculty Secretary Rice. Dean Kirby presided.

Approval of the Minutes: *A motion was made by Gold and seconded by Gomez-Chiarri to approve the April 7, 2020 Minutes of the Executive Council. The minutes were approved unanimously.*

Announcements:

Dean Kirby:

1. Workload planning is completed. Dean Kirby thanked the faculty, chairs and Associate Dean Sartini for their efforts.
2. The International Development hire in MAF is moving toward completion as is a lectureship in FAVS.
3. The University budget is uncertain. Severe shortfalls in state tax collection is likely to affect state budgeting so it is wise to plan accordingly.
4. There will be extra scrutiny of end of year purchasing; course fees are being examined.
5. At the April 29 CELS Faculty and Professional Staff Meeting, there will be a discussion of a proposal for the Department of Landscape Architecture to rejoin CELS.

Associate Dean Thornber

1. The Research Committee met to discuss the issue of CELS research productivity during the COVID-19 response period. The committee has set forth some suggested guidelines for CELS researchers to be in compliance with guidance coming from the State, President Dooley and VP Snyder.
2. Reminder: Nasir Hamidzada is keeping track of who is using buildings assigned to CELS. Notify Nasir about who will be working in labs and offices. This is to keep track of numbers of people in the buildings and where they are expected to be.

Associate Dean Sartini

1. The President and Provost are developing a plan for a virtual commencement. There may be a ceremony in the Fall.
2. Planing for the fall semester is underway.n

Faculty Secretary Rice

1. The agenda for the Wednesday, October 29 CELS Faculty and Professional Staff Meeting is posted. The Meeting will be held at 2pm by way of the Webex Video Conferencing platform. Elections for the CELS representative on the Graduate Council and for seats on various CELS

committees will be held. The slate of candidates is posted as an addendum to the meeting agenda.

Old Business:

There was no old business

New Business:

There was no new business

Adjournment: *It was moved and seconded to adjourn at 2:00pm*

Respectfully submitted:
Michael A. Rice, Faculty Secretary

