

Minutes of the April 19, 2021 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 1:00pm via Zoom teleconference due to in-person meeting restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Members present were Department Chairs Chandlee, Dalton, Mitkowski, Paton, Petersson, Roberts, Savage & Uchida; Associate Deans, Sartini, Sheely, and Wilga; Faculty Secretary Rice and *ex-officio* members Palmer, and Silvia; *ex-officio* member Wilson was absent. Dean Kirby presided.

Approval of Minutes: *It was moved by Roberts and seconded by Uchida to approve the April 5, 2020 Minutes of the Executive Council. The minutes were approved unanimously.*

Announcements:

Dean Kirby

1. Since the last Executive Council, Dr. Marc Parlange has been named as President-designate of the University, and is expected to begin August 1. New opportunities may open up as with any administration change. Dr. Parlange has an international background and his research is in wind power engineering.
2. CELS was successful in 5 out of 5 faculty members going up for promotion, tenure (pending BoT approval), and advancement to Full Professor III.
3. There will be a new system of declarations of conflict of interest policy developed following a several year hiatus by the VP of Research and Economic Development Office.
4. All faculty and staff are expected to have completed Title IX Training in Brightspace prior to May 1.

Judith Palmer

1. Nothing to report.

Meredith Silvia

1. Nothing to report.

Associate Dean Sheely

1. Nothing to report.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Adjournment: *It was moved & seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.*

Respectfully Submitted:
Michael A. Rice, Faculty Secretary