

## Minutes of the April 5, 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 Webex 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 and Uchida; Associate Deans Sartini, Sheely and Wilga; *ex-officio* members Palmer, Silvia and Wilson; and Faculty Secretary Rice. Dean Kirby was absent. Associate Dean Sartini presided.

**Approval of the Minutes:** *A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Paton to approve the March 22, 2020 Minutes of the Executive Council. The minutes were approved unanimously.*

### **Announcements:**

#### ***Associate Dean Sartini***

1. Graduation is on track for the weekend of May 21, however many specifics of the ceremonies remain fluid because the state of public health procedures that might be in place at that time remain unknown, including the time and exact location of the CELS ceremony. A website has been established (<https://web.uri.edu/commencement/y2021/>) to provide definitive guidance, and the CELS Commencement Committee is charged with keeping abreast of developments. Faculty will be welcome, but will be required to preregister.
2. The “Academics in April” student recruiting events will be held over the next two weeks. Thanks goes out to all faculty members volunteering to give a web session. Contact Kim Anderson for further information or to volunteer.
3. “STEM Teach Week” will occur from June 7 to 11. CELS STEM Faculty are encouraged to participate in the is new professional development activity. Applications are due April 16. More information can be found at the website: <https://web.uri.edu/teach/stem-teach-experience/>
4. The Office of Advancement of Teaching and Learning will be having its annual Faculty Showcase on April 9. See the ATL website for more info. <https://web.uri.edu/atl-draft/faculty-showcase/>

#### ***Associate Dean Wilga***

1. Plans for the Genomics and Sequencing Center and management of the confocal microscope remain under discussion. Affected faculty are requested to remain in contact with Associate Dean Wilga.

#### ***Associate Dean Sheely***

Nothing to report

#### ***Meredith Silvia***

Nothing to report

#### ***Judith Palmer***

Nothing to report

*Skip Wilson*

Nothing to report

**Old Business:**

1. Faculty Secretary Rice reminded Department Chairs that Faculty Senate and CELS Committee elections are coming up soon this month and that three senate seats are open and we are lacking candidates willing to be nominated stand for election. There was a discussion about how many senators may be seated per department and whether it was desirable to ask more junior members of the faculty to seek election.

**New Business.**

There was no new business

**Adjournment:** *Without objection Associate Dean Sartini declared adjournment at 1:25pm*

Respectfully submitted:

Michael A. Rice, Faculty Secretary

## 2021 CELS Elections -- Expiring terms

### *URI Faculty Senators*

- 1) Richard Burroughs (MAF)
- 2) Joel Chandlee (CMB)
- 3) Bridget Rummele (PLE)

### *notes*

Incumbents ineligible for reelection  
Depts w/o Senator: ENRE, GEO, MAF & PLE

### *CELS Curriculum Committee*

- 1) Rebecca Brown (PLE)
- 2) Pengfei Liu (ENRE)
- 3) Nancy Karraker (NRS)

Elected by Department ratified by full College

### *CELS Research Committee*

- 1) Elizabeth Mendenhall (MAF)
- 2) Thomas Sproul (ENRE)

Depts w/o representation: ENRE, MAF, & PLE

### *CELS Cooperative Education & Outreach*

- 1) Rebecca Brown (PLE)

Elected from faculty & staff w/ CE program

### *CELS Space Committee*

- 1) Dawn Cardace (GEO)
- 2) Thomas Mather (PLE)

Depts w/o representation: GEO, MAF, PLE

### *CELS Commencement*

- 1) Jody Camberg (CMB)

Depts w/o representation: BIO, CMB, ENRE,  
GEO, MAF, NRS

### *CELS Bylaws*

- 1) Katherine Petersson (FAVS)

Depts w/o representation: BIO, CMB, ENRE,  
FAVS, GEO, NRS