

Minutes of the April 4, 2022 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 in CBL5 435. Members present were Department Chairs Becker, Chandlee, Paton, Petersson, Roberts, Savage, Sheridan and Uchida; Associate Deans, Sartini, Townsend and Wilga; Faculty Secretary Rice and *ex-officio* members Palmer, Silvia and Wilson. Department chair Mitkowski was absent; Professor Brown represented PLS. Dean Kirby was absent, Associate Dean Sartini presided.

Approval of Minutes: *It was moved by Savage and seconded by Sheridan to approve the March 7, 2022 Minutes of the Executive Council. The minutes were approved unanimously.*

Announcements:

Associate Dean Sartini

1. All CELS employees are required to have completed sexual violence training. Indications are that most CELS faculty and staff have completed the mandatory training with a few mostly IP-1 employees who have not. Reminders will be sent by the dean's office
2. There was lots of good feedback from visitors on the March 26 Welcome Day; two more Welcome Days will be held April 9 and April 23.
3. Strategic planning sessions for the university are being held. All faculty are urged to attend. The first for faculty will be held April 7 at noon in the Memorial Union Ballroom.
4. The CELS Commencement Committee chaired by Prof. Coleen Suckling is working out details for the CELS ceremony. Specifics will be forthcoming considering Covid-19 Guidelines.
5. The Office of the Dean of Students is in the process of revising the A.N.C.H.O.R. our Rams document for procedures for community emergencies, health and safety. There will be no longer a printed folder of resources as that static medium has become obsolete. Updates will be found online at <https://web.uri.edu/deanofstudents/report-it/>
6. Chair Paton mentioned that there is discussion in the Graduate Council about adjustments of out of state tuition toward in-state tuition for all Ph.D. students.
7. Chair Paton mentioned that there is discussion about counting professionals from outside the university serving on graduate committees. The rules for 'outside' members vs. 'inside' members of graduate committees with approved adjunct professorial status needs clarification. There is some confusion by some.

Associate Dean Wilga

1. There is a new URI-University of the Cape Coast (Ghana) Joint degree program developed and agreement signed that parallels a similar program with the Agricultural University of Bogor in Indonesia

Associate Dean Townson

1. The CELS Communications Fellows are looking for stories to report on about the wonderful instructional, research and extension programming CELS is engaged in

Old Business:

1. There was no old business.

New Business:

1. There was no new business

Adjournment: *It was moved & seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm.*

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael A. Rice, CELS Faculty Secretary