**College of Agriculture and Natural Resources**

**College Advisory Council**

**Minutes for January 10th, 2025, 3:30 PM**

In attendance – Dan Buskirk, Henry Chung, Jenifer Fenton, Euihark Lee, Frank Lupi, Haddish Melakeberhan, Brent Ross, Jason Rowntree, David Skole, Ajit Srivastava, Breanne Turcola (undergraduate rep), Gerald Urquhart, Jennifer Weichel, Dong Zhao, Emily Holm, Melissa Hansen (SAC), Chris Brown (Grad Student Rep)

Minutes Recorded by Gerald Urquhart

1. Call to Order 3:30 PM – Jason Rowntree, Chair. (Action item)

2. Introductions (Information item)

3. Approval of agenda. (Action item)

4. Approval of minutes for previous meeting – December 13th, 2024 Meeting. Please review prior to this meeting (available in Teams) (Action item)

5. Update – Interim Dean Matt Daum, (Information item)

Busy December and busy start of semester.

Alignment around service assignments. Any new hires will have at least a 5% service assignment.

Working on mentoring policy.

Working on RPT process around DEI statements being voluntary, may be held at unit level and not passed up to college level.

Provost visit to college admin. Food Security, HBCU involement, research portfolio (sixth nationally in research expenditures among ANR colleges, second on campus to CNS ignoring FRIB).

Farm Bureau president retired, Ben LaCross is new president and has good relationship with MSU. FB sponsorship of Pavilion – The Farm Bureau Pavilion at Michigan State University.

Working to cultivate support from Trustees with Diane Byrum’s retirement.

Captial campaign is $4 billion, CANR goal $300 million including

$100 million for facilities (dairy, packaging, pavilion, greenhouses)

Revitalizing Michigan Communities initiative with Extension ($50 million goal)

Student success ($50 m undergrad, $60 million for graduate fellowships)

Preserving precious natural resources / water

Strategic planning from unit level up

College administration has been working on RPT recommendations

6. Assistant Dean for Faculty Affairs and Development Update Brian Horgan (Information item)

College RPT meetings occurred this week.

Demystifying RPT events upcoming.

Old business

7. Annual Meeting Planning Update

Date: April 25

Departments: Horticulture, Plant and Soil Sciences, Packaging, and SPDC.

New Business

1. Dean Search Update

Posting is live, reach out to colleagues

2. Frank Lupi - Grievance last year – chair of graduate committee is responsible for grievance committee

Need to update bylaws to create a viable grievance pool

3. FEA Rep would like to be on CAC agenda and discuss potential bylaw change

Note: Bylaw changes need to be presented at Annual College Meeting.

4. Get appendix on dean search out of bylaws to be consistent with the University practices.

Next meeting is January 24 or February 14

Adjourn