On behalf of Vice President Burgess - Answer to Recent CALS Grapevine Question

Below is a question recently received from The CALS Grapevine (https://www.ag.arizona.edu/about/workplace/grapevine), together with a response from Vice President Burgess. The Grapevine is a new means of communication, designed to address rumors, clarify issues, and promote transparency among ALL CALS personnel. Click on this link in order to check it out.

“How much time does the Dean spend on the School of Veterinary Medicine? Is the time spent on Vet Med a distraction to the rest of the college? Program seems like a major undertaking.”

Thanks for your question. You are right, the program is a major undertaking and it is part of the CALS strategic plan (see: https://cals.arizona.edu/about/strategic‐planning/cals‐strategic‐plan/goal2). Initially as a CALS initiative, I worked on it in my role as dean of the college. However, since the AVMA Council on Education required that the School of Veterinary Medicine be separated completely from CALS, I have been working on it under my role as interim dean of the school and as vice president of agriculture, life and veterinary sciences, and Cooperative Extension.

I have never counted how many hours I work per week before your question, and it prompted me to do so now. I have a detailed calendar broken into 30-minute increments and have all of my email records, so I can do this kind of analysis. I reviewed these records and I found out I work 70-80 hours in a normal week; some weeks, such as those when I had a lot to do on the veterinary program, I worked longer (almost always I did this work on weekends). So how much time do I spend on vet med? 2%.

The provost launched a search last summer for a permanent School of Veterinary Medicine dean.

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