

MEMORANDUM

TO: W. Randolph Woodson
Chancellor
NC State University

FROM: Alyson Wilson
Interim Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation
NC State University 

SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the request to establish the Center of Excellence for Regulatory Science in Agriculture (CERSA) under Regulation 10.10.04

DATE: July 19, 2024

In keeping with NC State Regulation 10.10.04, this memo requests your approval of the request by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) to establish the Center of Excellence for Regulatory Science in Agriculture (CERSA). CERSA's mission is to be a national and international resource for furthering excellence in agricultural regulatory science. The Center will focus on (i) workforce development, (ii) education and information dissemination, (iii) engagement of the public, industry, academia, policymakers, and other stakeholders and (iv) collaborative interdisciplinary research.

CALS has a long-standing interest in educating the next generation of agricultural regulatory scientists as well as promoting a constructive dialogue between regulators and the agricultural community. CERSA was approved for planning on January 21, 2022 and has had a significant impact on education and workforce development. The Center has also attracted considerable financial support from the federal government and industry. CERSA is committed to serving as a focal point for regulatory research, knowledge dissemination, and communication amongst stakeholders.


CERSA has already established itself as a well-respected leader in its area of focus and is an important resource for the citizens of North Carolina and the nation. This request to establish has been approved by the CALs Dean and members of the Research Operations Council, and I request your approval of the request to establish this Center.

AW/mh

cc: Garey Fox, Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Steve Lommel, Associate Dean for Research
Danesha Seth Carley, Director, CERSA
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In response to your Memorandum dated July 19, 2024, authorization is hereby granted to forward the request to establish the Center of Excellence for Regulatory Science in Agriculture (CERSA) to the Board of Trustees for approval.

WRW/mh

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