

Forestry Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 4, 2011

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Richardson Hall 115

Meeting facilitated by Steve Tesch

List of Attendees:

Members present: Roger Admiral, Ed Jensen, Thomas Maness, Brenda McComb, Jeff McDonnell, Steve Tesch, Hal Salwasser; Tom McLain, and Eric Hansen, Jim Johnson

Other Attendees: Barbara Bond and Kathy Howell

Meeting Handouts:

- 1) 1-21-11 FEC Meeting Draft Minutes – Steve Tesch
- 2) 1-21-11 Action Items Tracking List – Steve Tesch
- 3) CoF Steps on Creating our Path Forward Agenda – Hal Salwasser
- 4) Administrative Memos 253, CoF
- 5) Points of Information for LTER Leadership – Barbara Bond

I. Review Agenda and Status of Past Action Items

- **There were no new items added to the agenda.**
- **Follow-up Conversation with BEE**

Steve Tesch is scheduled to meet with Associate Deans from CAS and COE on February 14 to discuss concept of School of Natural Resources Engineering. Thomas will send Steve Tesch a copy of the current draft proposal he and John Bolte have prepared.

II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Minutes from 1-21-11 FEC meeting were approved.

III. Updates and Conversation with the Dean – Hal Salwasser

- **SWPS Units and Legislative Session**

Hal reported on the last SWPS leaders meeting with the Natural Resources and Ag stakeholders held on January 25. There will be a similar meeting with Conservation and Environmental stakeholders on February 25.
- **Governor’s Balance Budget Memo**

Hal discussed the Governor’s balanced budget memo and shared his questions and comments with FEC. University administrators are working on a communication plan for the Statewides.
- **FTE Restructuring**

There is no new information to report.
- **Strategic Planning Retreat Plan**

FEC discussed the retreat topics and structure of the agenda. The purpose of the retreat will be to form the foundation from which the College will develop a strategic plan/path forward and to figure out the process that will be used to engage other internally and externally. FEC discussed opportunities for future international efforts, College community and stakeholders’ engagement, and the idea of rebranding. Thomas Maness shared results from a survey of students and competitor programs, and associated marketing ideas that the FERM Department conducted.

Action Items

The agenda in the morning will be restructured to add a place for International and Extension Programs. Thomas will send copies of the FERM marketing report to FEC prior to the retreat. Jeff McDonnell will send to Hal some URLs of universities that offer international course work masters.
- **ESS Division Start-up Funds Decision**

The three deans did not reach consensus on the start-up funds. A meeting is scheduled next week with Rick Spinrad to

discuss decision for the start-up packages.

IV. College Web Staffing – Kathy Howell

Kathy Howell reported on the College web demands and staff needs and wanted FEC's feedback on how to make plans for going forward with managing the College website. FEC discussed the role of the College Communications Group with the College web interface and the lack of support and staffing currently. Kathy also informed FEC that she is working on the College annual fee books submission which is due by the middle of March and gave an update on the ongoing conversation with the College of Ag about potential sharing of computing resources.

Action Items

Kathy Howell, Roger Admiral, and Eric Hansen will meet to discuss development of a proposal and present back to FEC at the next meeting. This issue could be added to the College strategic planning effort in the area of communications and marketing.

IV. Network Support for Non-Essential Budgeted Faculty Policy

Roger Admiral presented an update to the computer group funding policy, Administration Memo 253. FEC discussed whether or not the positions that are not supported by the College essential budget should be paying their own computing fees. Ecampus instructors and senior research positions will not be covered by the Dean support. This change will be effective July 1 and will be phased in over 3 years for this who will lose funding.

V. Andrews LTER Leadership Proposal – Brenda, Hal, Barbara

The PNW has made a proposal for leadership transition that is not perceived as in the best interests of the College. Action is required soon because NSF expects that the LTER Program will have a replacement for Barbara Bond identified by the time of the NSF midterm review in August 2011. FEC discussed several approaches for the College leadership.

VI. Research Agenda Phase II Input – DHs/All

Input on OSU/CoF strengths requested by RO committee for February 7 meeting

Fred Kamke asked for input from FEC on OSU/COF strengths. The Research Office Committee is meeting Monday morning to begin Phase 2 discussions. "Strengths" is on the agenda. FEC created a list of CoF strength for research thrusts:

- Long term ecological research
- H.J. Andrews (facility)
- Integrated social and ecological research opportunities
- Wildland fire
- Ecosystem health
- Climate policy and science
- Sustaining resource dependent communities
- Outreach and engagement infrastructure (Extension)
- Green renewable products and materials (toxic free adhesive, composite, Laboratory, green building materials, extraordinary facilities)
- Ecosystem services
- Federal agencies concentration
- Conservation Biology (OSU/COF)
- Wildland resources economics and policy
- Eco-hydrology (IWW, Watersheds Research)
- Reduced impact logging
- Biotechnology (CGRB Institute), Genomics
- Carbon cycling (Harmon, Turner, Krankina, Law)
- Landscape ecology (Kennedy, Betts, faculty across campus)
- Partnerships and relationships – Regional, National, international, private, governmental, etc.)
- Environmental Humanities (new hires in CLA)

Divide in 3 clusters:

Research Expertise, Infrastructure, Partnerships

- Climate science, policy, and economics (OCCRI, Ameriflux, DOI Climate Change Center, RISA, carbon cycling)
- Long-term ecological research and landscape ecology (e.g. Andrews)
- Green renewable products and materials
- Water & watershed science and policy

- Forest engineering and operations management
- Intensive plantation management
- Biotechnology
- Renewable energy
- Health of rural forest dependent communities

Features and attributes of CoF that allow to happen:

Research Cooperatives

Stakeholders partnerships

Special facilities

Long term collaborative research programs and partnerships

Depth and expertise of faculty

Action Items

Steve Tesch will submit the list of CoF strengths to Fred.

Other Topics:

- **Tenured Faculty Diversity Initiative Call for proposals – Hal Salwasser – Proposals are due April 15.**
FES has identified several people. FEC discussed whether or not the College could afford to recruit anyone and meet expectations.
- **Steve Tesch confirmed the cancellation of the Spring Fernhopper event.**
FEC discussed whether or not to send an external message to the College friends and alumni to let them know that we are not having Fernhopper this year.

Draft minutes submitted by Nathalie Gitt and revised by Steve Tesch

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