

College of Forestry Executive Committee

Bi-Weekly Meeting
Friday, February 8, 2013
8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Richardson Hall 107

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Members: John Bliss, Eric Hansen, Zak Hansen, Kathy Howell, Jim Johnson, Thomas Maness, John Mann, Claire Montgomery, Paul Doescher, Randy Rosenberger, Laurie Schimleck, and Steve Tesch

Absences: Roger Admiral, Robin Rose

Guests: Max Taylor, Lee Buckingham, Kira Hughes, Clay Torset, Penny Wright, David Zahler

Notes by: Nathalie Gitt revised by Geoff Huntington

No Announcements or Additional Agenda Items

Updates and Conversation with the Dean – Thomas Maness

CoF Funding and Expenditure Discussion

Dean Maness reported on the meeting he had with the Forestry Education Council members and President Ray at their first meeting. The Council wanted to know how things were being executed to prepare the ground for the next legislative session. Dean Maness distributed copies of the College of Forestry balance sheet fiscal year 2012 that he presented to the Council to explain how the College was being funded. The FEC made some recommendations as to how to improve the balance sheet and suggested faculty involvement in the college budget discussions and ideas for better communications across the College. Other issue discussed was a college teaching policy. Randy Rosenberger will be leading a special topic discussion on faculty teaching expectations on March 8.

- **Science Management Executive Retreat Update**

Dean Maness reported on the topics of discussions that took place with the state and federal agencies leaders during the retreat. There were a lot of supports for the creation of the Working Forest Institute.

ECampus Discussion – Jim Johnson led a discussion to identify key issues that a college-wide ECampus strategy will need to address. Jim will flush out issues related to ECampus to find some solutions and develop a policy.

***Action Item** – Jim will report back at next FEC meeting on his ongoing conversations and input he gathered.*

Spring Awards Ceremony – Randy Rosenberger presented a proposal for some changes to the Spring Award Ceremony.

***Action Item** – Randy will put together a program and send back to the FEC for ratification.*

Incoming Freshman Orientation – Laurie Schimleck provided a short informational head-up on anticipated outings associated with freshman orientation. The committee suggested having the orientation before Connect week and discussed ideas for new activities/tours and facilities.

March OFRI Events – John Mann briefed FEC on the upcoming 2-day OFRI Technology and Career Expo in March for high school students interested in forestry related careers. John pointed out this opportunity for students' involvement and the need for some coordination. Randy Rosenberger and David Zahler will be helping with this event.

FEC Special Topic Discussion: Priority Area Initiatives – Identifying Key Initiatives – The discussion on the next steps in the priorities process was led by Geoff Huntington. Geoff asked FEC's thoughts and feedback on 4 questions he presented at the meeting.

***Action Items** – Need a forum for culturalizing this process and have face to face communication from now on until the all college meeting.*

Meeting Materials

02-08-13 FEC Agenda – Geoff Huntington

01-25-12 FEC Draft Meeting Notes – Nathalie Gitt

College of Forestry Balance Sheet FY 2012 – Thomas Maness

A Framework for CoF Priorities 2013 -2015 Draft – Geoff Huntington

Overview of Current Draft Strategies – Geoff Huntington