

## Forestry Executive Committee

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Richardson Hall 115

Meeting facilitated by Ed Jensen

### *List of Attendees:*

Members present: Roger Admiral, Ed Jensen, Jim Johnson, Eric Hansen, Brenda McComb, Jeff McDonnell, Hal Salwasser

Members absent: Thomas Maness, Tom McLain, Steve Tesch

Guest: Darius Adams (representing Thomas Maness), Chris Bell

### *Meeting Handouts:*

- 1) 02-18-11 FEC Meeting Draft Minutes – Ed Jensen
- 2) 03-02-11 Action Items Tracking List – Ed Jensen
- 3) OSU Accreditation 2011, Northwest Commission on Colleges & Universities Presentation Handout– Chris Bell, Chair of Accreditation Steering Committee

#### *I. Review Agenda and Status of Past Action Items*

A follow-up discussion on the CoF enrollment/recruiting draft plan developed by the Department Heads was added on the agenda. Ed reviewed the status of the list of action items with FEC members.

- **CoF Website Management Proposal**

Kathy Howell expressed concern regarding the due date that FEC set at the last meeting for the submission of the CoF website management proposal. Roger will discuss new due date with her. Ed Jensen will brief Terralyn Vandetta about two reports that will impact how to view the task: 1) the draft enrollment/recruiting report from the Department Heads, and 2) the marketing/recruiting report that FERM completed. Copies of the reports will be sent to Terralyn.

- **Tenured Faculty Diversity Initiative**  
FEC will need to submit the names and resumes of the potential candidates to Hal before April 15. Jeff McDonnell suggested Diego Riveros-Iregui and will send his contact information to Hal. McComb and Jensen (at least) will also forward names to Hal.
- **Potential Annual Ring Changes**  
Student Services is considering a two-day event with a built-in adventure/recreation component for the next CoF Annual Ring. The activities will include interactions with the Dean and the departments, a presentation on the College history, and possibly a river float and a rope challenge. Although the HJ Andrews is the preferred site, it's already booked years in advance; second choice seems to be Mac Forest.

## ***II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting***

The minutes from the February 18 FEC meeting were approved.

## ***III. Updates and Conversation with the Dean***

- **SWPS Budget Reduction**  
The SWPS and University leaders are working internally to identify programs and areas of reduction for 2011-13. This information will be disclosed when appropriate.
- **SWPS Program Task Team Draft Report**  
The task team is revising their draft report on "Aligning OUS Statewide Public Service Programs for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." The report should be ready this week to submit to the Provost for his approval.
- **Food, Environment, and Conservation Stakeholders meeting with OSU**  
Hal reported on a recent meeting with the conservation community. There was great support for what the FRL/College does and for Extension. Sonny is taking the lead with the production folks to put together on a joint letter.

- **House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources**  
Hal will be attending the public hearing on House Bill 2124 on Friday, March 4. This bill extends privilege taxes on merchantable forest products harvested on forestlands. No proposed change is expected.
- **Meeting with Governor's Natural Resources Staff**  
Jock Mills has arranged a meeting for the SWPS leaders to meet with the Governor's NR staff, Scott Nelson, and Richard Whitman to discuss the SWPS budget. Hal will get clarification on the Governor's budget and goals of the State.
- **NAUFRP Executive Committee Meeting**  
Jim Johnson will attend the NAUFRP Executive meeting and the congressional meetings on Hal's behalf. Earmarks identified in the FY 11 bills have been eliminated.
- **Destination OSU**  
Hal attended a donor event that took place in Rancho Mirage, CA. OSU Alumni and supporters attend this event to learn about what's hot at OSU. Sam Wheeler was honored as a lifetime trustee. John Bailey gave a presentation on his work/research. The event was very well attended.
- **Provost's New Hires Initiative**  
FEC discussed the mission and the education expectation for the new positions. Related issues discussed were the skyrocketing student class size and what the university will do to solve the problems with capacity for undergraduate teaching of lower division classes and classroom space for large classes.
- **Department Heads Enrollment and Recruiting Draft Plan**  
FEC discussed what will be the next steps with the draft report that the Department Heads developed. FEC will need to make a decision about the investment and the marketing approach.

**Action Items:**  
Steve Tesch and Ed Jensen will schedule a meeting with the Department Heads to strategize before bringing this item back to FEC.

- **Distance Education Surcharge**  
FEC would like some clarity on the fee that OSU gets charged for having a presence in other states through distance education.

***IV. Accreditation Self Study and Campus Visit***

Chris Bell, Chair of the Accreditation Steering Committee joined the FEC meeting to talk about the scheduled OSU accreditation visit. The review will be done by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). The cycle time is now 7 years and NWCCU adopted new standards for accreditation. Chris distributed a PowerPoint handout that contained background information, description of the OSU mission, core themes, and objectives, the evaluation process, summary of findings. Chris welcomed any feedback for the next cycle.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Minutes prepared by Nathalie Gitt and revised by Ed Jensen