

## **Forestry Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, September 21, 2012**

Richardson Hall 115

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

### **1) Meeting Attendance**

Members present: Roger Admiral, Paul Doescher, Eric Hansen, Zak Hansen, Ed Jensen, Geoff Huntington, Kathy Howell, Thomas Maness, John Mann, Robin Rose, Laurie Schimleck, and Steve Tesch

Members Absent: Jim Johnson and Randy Rosenberger

### **2) Review of Meeting Agenda, Minutes, and Task List – Steve Tesch**

The August 17, 2012 FEC meeting minutes were approved.

### **3) Announcement**

The committee welcomed Robin Rose who was appointed the member-at-large from the FERM Department.

### **4) Update and Conversation with the Dean – Thomas Maness**

- **Provost's Council (PC) Annual Retreat**

Thomas reported on the two-day PC retreat he attended on September 6-7 in Albany and set the stage for a discussion on issues he brought back regarding the university's budget; the enrollment growth, the budget projections for the next five years, and implications for how the colleges are going to work to actualize them. He shared some university statistics on the College's performance and discussed the shift of thinking about the education quality and the impacts of increasing enrollment.

FEC discussed the need to figure out how to have the metrics that the College is being evaluating on, embedded in this exercise that the College is going to embark on. The committee discussed ideas of creating a dashboard and looking at credit hours for doubling enrollment.

- **Update on the Dean's External Visits**

Thomas let FEC know that there was an overwhelming sense of optimism about the College from everyone he visited. He is getting tremendous support from his strategic vision presentation for the College. He met with Doug Decker, State Forester at the Oregon Department of Forestry, to discuss a pro-active strategy for collaboration between the two organizations. The plan is to hold a joint leadership team meeting later this year and a workshop on alternative structure based management with discussions. He also met with the management team at Ecotrust to discuss opportunities, commonalities, and areas for future partnership.

- **World Forestry Center (WFC) Board Meeting and Conference**  
Thomas attended his first WFC Board meeting which was held in conjunction with the annual conference: “Who Will Own the Forest?”

#### 5) **Prep for All-College Meeting – Geoff Huntington**

Geoff distributed a copy of the All-College meeting agenda and went over the goals and objectives for the meeting with the FEC. Thomas shared his insight about having an open process for moving the College forward. An output report will be sent to people who participated. Geoff will put out a call for people interested in helping lead the conversation around each of the five priorities. FEC discussed the facilitation of the small groups’ discussion and faculty involvement.

#### 6) **Other Topics**

- **Use of Used Computers – Kathy Howell**  
The Computing Group has 6-8 machines available for graduate students. The issue Kathy brought to the FEC was the need for a formalized process with written justification.  
**Action Item**  
The Department Heads will meet with Kathy to decide how to prioritize the use of used computers from graduate students’ requests.
- **Spring Awards Ceremony Date – Ed Jensen**  
There were two dates to consider for the spring 2013 Spring Award Ceremony: May 1 or May 14.  
**Decision**  
FEC agreed to hold the 2013 Spring Awards Ceremony on May 14. The College will hold only one alumni award per department.
- **Update on the Recreation Coordinator Position Search – John Mann**  
Out of the 45 candidates, 4 candidates were interviewed. John offered the job to Ryan Brown who is a graduate from the Recreation Resources Management master’s program here at the College. Ryan is currently the recreation planner on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. She accepted the position and will start November 5<sup>th</sup>. John thanked his search committee who did a terrific job in leading this effort. John and the Head of City Parks will be hosting a joint reception for the recreation community and the new hires on November 12,
- **Communication Director Position Search – Roger Admiral**  
Roger reported on the pool of candidates who applied for the

position.

- **Orientation for the Graduate Students** – John Mann  
John made some recommendations for improvement for next year.  
One suggestion was to provide students with handouts in a notebook.

***Action Item***

Department Heads will do a debriefing on this two-day event.

**7) Meeting Handout Materials**

- 09-21-12 FEC Meeting Agenda
- 08-17-12 FEC Meeting Minutes

*Minutes prepared by Nathalie Gitt.*