

Forestry Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 5, 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, Jim Johnson, Geoff Huntington, Kathy Howell, Thomas Maness, John Mann, Robin Rose, Randy Rosenberger, Laurie Schimleck, and Steve Tesch

2) Review of Meeting Agenda and Minutes – Steve Tesch

- **Purpose of Minutes and Level of Details Needed – Geoff Huntington**
Geoff Huntington wanted to have a conversation with the FEC members about the purpose of the minutes and what the committee would like to see accomplished with them. Members provided their input. They all agreed that there was a need to record decisions and certain conversations and to continue transparency in communicating with the College.
Action Item
Geoff, Steve Tesch, and Nathalie Gitt will brainstorm about what constitutes the right level of information to be recorded in the minutes.
- **University Assessment Council Update – Ed Jensen**
Ed Jensen gave an update on the assessment plan in place for CAT I & II.

3) Update and Conversation with the Dean – Thomas Maness

- **Dean's Annual Review with the Provost**
The Dean sent his objectives to the FEC members and received feedback that he incorporated in his goals and priorities report to the Provost for 2012-13. The Dean reported on how his meeting went with the Provost. Sabah is very supportive of the ideas about reorganization and developing a new business model in the College. The Dean is moving forward with filling the new positions from the restructuring of the College by January 2013 and with developing and implementing workable assessment criteria for all College of Forestry programs. The Provost was also very supportive of the pro-school, recruitment process for the department head positions, and the Ecotourism program. Paul Doescher and Thomas were scheduled to meet with Becky Johnson next week. The Provost had reservation about the School of Natural Resources Engineering. He would like to see the College

having strong education programs and having all the faculty teaching. The two other important topics that the Dean wanted to discuss with the FEC was the development of education partnerships for out-of-state recruitment and finalizing the five names that will be on the Forestry Education Council (HB 4002). Sabah encouraged the College to develop bac core courses and courses that would be taken by students across campus. Other priorities discussed at the meeting were the creation of a new research office, the hiring of a new director of communications, the working forest institute, the internationalization of the College with emphasis on the Pacific Rim, diversification, building strong relationship between faculty, staff, and the leadership.

Action Item

Dean Maness will send a copy of his goals report to the FEC members.

Dean Maness was scheduled to attend a meeting across campus and left the meeting at 9:00 am.

4) Discussion on Dean's Office Reorganization – Geoff Huntington

Department Heads and John Mann presented their thoughts on potential models for organizing functions and roles of Associate Deans' positions going forward. FEC members asked questions and discussed the framework. Geoff Huntington agreed to brief the Dean on issues raised and suggestions made regarding the presented framework. Next steps include the Dean incorporating all input received and completing a proposed framework for discussion at the next FET meeting in anticipation of returning to FEC before finalizing positions. Current expectation is that the hiring process will be initiated for the positions in early November.

5) Meeting Handout Materials

- 10-05-12 FEC Meeting Agenda
- 09-21-12 FEC Draft Meeting Minutes

Minutes prepared by Nathalie Gitt for FEC approval, 10-18-12.