



Forestry Executive Committee
Notes
March 14, 2019

Welcome – Anthony S. Davis

- College-wide email yesterday regarding FERM department leadership and Extension
- Search Committee for Dean's Search is posted on the Provost's site and our informational page; direct questions and nominations to Larry Rodgers.
- Governor's Wildfire Response Council starts meeting Monday; Anthony is on the Council.
- May 14 – Dedication for the Emerson AWP Lab (opening); 2:00-4:00pm.
- Elliott Research Forest: committee work beginning. An internal group will be named soon, look for email. OSU Advisory Board has been formed to inform the Dean (campus representation). Questions and ideas should be discussed with Katy.

Safety – All

- Terralyn meeting with central campus to discuss wood shop/RM safety training program, BRIDGE – may be able to have tracking information on who takes the training, etc. More to come.
- FES discussed Risk Management component of safety plans; would be useful to incorporate at the College level.
- Safety training, field safety for graduate students is occurring over the next month.
- Reporting and after action reviews – university does not report back to the College on incidents it knows about. Is there anything we can ourselves? How can we be more proactive about sharing concerns? **Anthony will follow up with central campus.**
- Good to periodically go through the chemical storage in all our areas and properly dispose of chemicals you are not using. Make a routine to do this – it's not good to accumulate too many even household cleaners.

Unit Updates & Pressing Issues

Research Forests – Steve Fitzgerald

- Stumpage sale on the Blodgett: 5 bidders, \$926-1.3m range of bids; Murphy won the bid. First of two stumpage sale and the first the College has done.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Heather Roberts

- Recruitment and retention workgroup sent out the survey for feedback on principles; several responses received, have until tomorrow to complete. Final draft will go to the Dean and likely bring back here to FEC.
- Commitment to DEI door stickers are ready to be distributed, you can sign up and get a packet! You sign a pledge to engage with the DEI principles and commit to learning about resources on campus.
- Spring coffees upcoming, so look for invitation, and engage with your colleagues.

Strategic Initiatives – Geoff Huntington

Student Services – Randy Rosenberger

- Call for Faculty Marshalls; please help us fill the 5 slots.
- Admin Memo 15 – Graduate Fellowships – has been revised.

Forest Service, PNW Research Station – Paul Anderson – **UNABLE TO ATTEND**

- JVA deadlines being adjusted.

WSE Department – Eric Hansen, Rakesh Gupta

- Semi-truck wrap is approved and will be up and down I-5.
- Recruiting Days, 14 companies and 30 students.
- New faculty member joining in September!
- WSE won soup lunch this year for the Food Drive.

International Programs – Michele Justice

- Travel and program-related funding for UG/GRAD related travel; April 1 deadline to apply for awards.
- Michele headed to Swedish Int'l University; looking to partner with many institutions on sabbatical opps, co-teaching opps, internships, etc. Send Michele any leads or contacts you'd like to share.

FERM Department – Jim Johnson, Jim Kiser (*for Jeff Hatten – sabbatical*)

- All faculty will be presenting to alumni regarding the curriculum; basically a review of our programs and new directions.
- Precursor to our accreditation activities; we are really ramping that open.
- WFGRS is looking for judges; please volunteer!

Computing Resources – Terralyn Vandetta

- Labs will be imaged over spring break; commons will be wiped the last Sunday of finals.
- Looks like we've won the Top Banana this year! Great year, thanks to everyone. We are all back together in a building, we will win even bigger.

FES Department – Troy Hall, Steve Strauss

- Potential faculty member visit next week; 3pm Monday is the seminar. She has some connections with China and social psychology.
- 2021: we are hosting a Human Dimensions Conference.

FOBC – Roger Admiral – **UNABLE TO ATTEND**

- NIFA will be auditing Mac-Stennis funding in May. Please reply to Katy, Roger, and Penny if they have questions.

Research Office – Katy Kavanagh

- Two significant NIFA grant awards; Melora has done a really good job helping faculty submit good proposals. Please keep encouraging faculty to submit.
- RERF proposals are due tomorrow. We have zero proposals at this time... we'd love to have submissions to put forward for equipment funds.

- Cathy Knock will start by the end of March.

Graduate Student Council – Neil Williams

- Event to encourage UG to participate in research with grad students presenting.
- WFGRS needs more participation by students for posters and faculty judges.

TallWood Design Institute – Iain Macdonald

- TDI technical manager arrives April 23.
- Scheduling arrival and installation of equipment.
- Large CNC machine, 70ft long, is an important piece.
- Mass Timber Conf. = we'll host 2 big tours here; and Iain/Judith will be doing a showcase; many students participate.
- Certificate program starting.
- Meetups in Portland continuing and popular.
- Assoc. of Oregon Counties collaboration on affordable housing.
- Next ARS call = good feedback from faculty on priorities.

Research Support Faculty – Michelle Day

- RSF Cmt. Organized a social happy hour and it was extremely well attended.

Marketing and Communications – Michael Collins

- Glazing options ended up too expensive; so it will be basic. Thanks for the input anyway!
- Focus went to print; impact on the state. Next Focus will be global impact.
- 25% up in recruiting in terms of admits.
- OSU Statewides Day at the Capitol on Monday; ambassadors and Jim Johnson will be there along with a lot of video/materials.
- Reworking the research landing page; highlight fire-related work/water/wildlife/management etc. so that we can better communicate. Send feature ideas to Michael and he will reach out.

Outreach and Engagement – Jim Johnson – UNABLE TO ATTEND

Foundation/Development – Zak Hansen

- May 14 – Emmerson opening – many of the family will attend including Red. President Ray will be there, please come and encourage students. There will be a lot of important folks attending.
- Recruiting additional Board of Visitor members. It is a sounding board for the Dean; when we recruit friends, we are looking for wide variety of expertise represented – we are missing some representatives though, so chat with Zak about recommendations.

Open Discussion after Updates

- Search Advocates become more and more needed, but can't get a search advocate to serve. Do search advocates actually review applications? If they don't, could save time and encourage people to volunteer to serve.

- The DEI stickers are supposed to demonstrate your commitment and show others that we are creating safer spaces.
- RM wrapped truck = looking for additional trucks to wrap (just one now).
- MNR and NR students should be included in the grad student council activities mentioned by Neil earlier.

Flash Talk: Ben Leshchinsky, FERM

Adjourn - move to RH107 for the Dean's Awards and Retiree Reception