



Forestry Executive Committee
Meeting Notes
November 7, 2019

Welcome & Updates – Anthony S. Davis

- Provost has made an offer to a candidate, and notified the other two candidates they are no longer candidates.
- Dean's Awards deadline is December 6, please nominate!

Safety – All

- Needed: training for students on conducting burn pile projects safely.
- Jim Kiser's field course could include this information if it doesn't already.
- Steve Fitzgerald will work on this idea, too.
- FNR Extension has a "Learn and Burn" – 1 day workshop for forest landowners. Could adapt to a local workshop for College staff. On-demand/online course would also be good.
- Canceling winter Chile program led by Klaus Puettman. May move the group to Quebec with our partners there.

Unit Updates & Pressing Issues:

Strategic Initiatives – Geoff Huntington

- Peavy: getting close and making good progress. We are getting some of the of the knuckle spaces back. Spring Break moving, occupancy spring term.

Student Success – Randy Rosenberger (absent)

Forest Service, PNW Research Station – Paul Anderson (absent)

WSE Department – Eric Hansen, Rakesh Gupta

- Society Wood Science & Technology conference in CA last week, and WSE had good attendance, and a visit to Yosemite was a highlight.
- USFS-WISC and WSE investigating relocating to our College for collaborative Center.

International Programs – Michele Justice

- Sabah delegation visited recently to further discuss collaboration.

FERM Department – Jim Johnson, Jeff Hatten

- SAF in Kentucky last week; John Bailey and Steve Pilkerton both won awards.
- Four candidates in P&T (Wing, Leavell, Segura, Bladon), department process wrapping up in a couple weeks.
- Quiz bowl team at SAF made it to quarterfinals at SAF!

Computing Resources – Terralyn Vandetta

- Tuesday our websites took a heavy hit (Ripple's Climate Change info was popular!) – this led to a website going down.
- Moving on outfitting Peavy for A/V.

FES Department – Troy Hall (absent), Steve Strauss

- FES department retreat was held recently; two new hires coming, talked about staffing and strategic plan. Very positive meeting.
- P&T: four candidates (Ries, Hansen, Krawchuk, Stills) wrapping up soon.

FOBC – Roger Admiral

- Working with vendors on furniture for Peavy.
- Procurement: our buyer is retiring in February. We are recruiting a buyer who will work with CEOAS and COF. Interviewing now.

Research Office – Katy Kavanagh

- NIFA moving to Kansas City; they lost 75% staff. One person from Mac-Stennis stayed, so at least there is that stability. If you have trouble with NIFA, our congressional delegation and Katy/Melora/Cathy want to know.
- Internal target programs: \$1.2m in grants starting with ARS funds across disciplines; F&W – 11 concept papers under review.

Graduate Student Council – Ray Van Court

- Survey results from e-campus students: looking for more connection with campus; can share results with anyone interested. More projects to bring students together, including events.
- Science Communication Workshop
- Thanksgiving Social
- UG/Grad Mentorship Program
- Looking for departmental reps who will liaison between department meetings and grad council meetings.

Research Forests – Steve Fitzgerald

- Finished harvests and reconciling budget.
- Getting support from Sunny in crafting new budgets.
- Oak Creek culvert replaced, part of the Mary's River Watershed collaborative work.
- Working with Catalina Segura on a new weir, and fish passage will be addressed.
- 2005 Forest Management Plan back in place. FEC is the advisory body for conducting the plan and its restoration and operation plans.
- A public tour is being planned regarding 2020 activities for public outreach & information to better understand forest operations.

Research Support Faculty – Anna Magnuson

- Grant Writing Workshop held, very popular.
- Applications are open for the professional development funding. Awards made end of November.

Marketing and Communications – Michael Collins

- Enrollment numbers are official: 187 new students, up 10% previous year, 40% up over historical average.
- Fall 2020 advertising future of forestry scholarship: 300% increase in applications! Across all programs. Yield activities include faculty to write letters to prospectives.
- Signage and storytelling in Peavy; many projects ongoing.
- Grad research videos underway.
- Next Focus (alumni magazine): theme is people and places they work (research forest)

Outreach and Engagement – Jim Johnson, Carrie Berger

- VPOE retired in July; we have Anita Azarenko as interim VPOE. Making broad and sweeping changes that impact: re-basing the budget for Extension programs (replacing block grant) based on recurring positions and % for operations; and centralizing all vacant positions to compete for replacement positions. For us, we had 2 vacancies that have been centralized and we are preparing a proposal to compete and get them back (there are 20-30 positions in the pool, and funding for 4-5).
- Fall planning meeting at Silver Falls State Park coming up.
- FNR Fire Program launch is underway; will hire 2 of 8 positions shortly. Up and running by July 1.

Foundation/Development – Zak Hansen, Ben McLuen (absent)

- Silent phase of the 10 year campaign continuing. A big public launch will be about 2 years from now.
- COF is a leader here and we are working hard to diversify and engage stakeholder base. Tracking well so far.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Workgroup – Michele Justice

- Michele has just been asked to take on leadership. Role is harness leadership already going on (grad students especially doing good work), focusing on bridging gaps.
- Looking at the structure: small steering committee to get us close to the plan and set goals; then workgroups on discrete projects to meet these goals (1-2 term commitments).
- Next few months: an ask for membership for project workgroups. Please participate in workgroups and events and encourage your colleagues to do so.
- Better communication strategy; will work with Communications group on this; please use the language around DEI and discussing issues to build capacity together.
- Michele & Troy will be working on an assessment and climate survey.

TallWood Design Institute – Iain Macdonald

- Successful opening of the Emerson with featured speaker Senator Merkely. The robot is named EARL after a fun naming contest!
- Accredited for architectural continuing education now.
- Visitors from Georgia delegation

- Bryon Myamoto joining January 6 as testing specialist.
- Design/build workshop next week; dozen participants from around the world.
- Pressed first CLT panels yesterday!
- Attracting companies for TDI coop.

Open Discussion after Updates

- **NIFA:** grant could be approved but whether it will be organized to be funded in a timely way – how can work in their disorganization? At least a timeline for funding coming in would be useful. SEND KATY SPECIFICS ON THE GRANT AND SHE CAN WORK WITH THEM TO TRY TO GET ANSWERS.
- **FURNITURE:** Faculty would like real dimensions and finishes.
- **VIDEO PROJECT:** When are videos ready for view? CAN SHARE IN DRAFT SOON.
- **WISC:** Anthony noted that this is an important collaboration, and would be very valuable. Illegally harvested wood is a major driver to devaluing Oregon wood, and there is a severe negative impact to developing countries communities impacted by illegal activity. This would be a really productive & impactful collaboration. Center would be here at the College, some of the employees would be OSU employees, and the manager would be FS employee.

Elliott State Research Forest Project Update – Anthony S. Davis, Katy Kavanagh, Geoff Huntington, Randy Rosenberger (see enclosures), Michael Collins, Jennah Stillman

- The only commitment we’ve made is to look into this idea and see if it can work for the college. The how or will pieces will be addressed after we explore the research opportunities. This is different from the HJA goals. Our Exploratory Committee has worked on this for the past year and we are moving towards presenting our research vision at the December 10 Land Board meeting.
- See attached PPT for presentation details.

11:00 am **Adjourn**

ACTION ITEM TRACKING	
Continuous	Opportunities for continuing education and engagement on diversity, equity, and inclusion issues
Continuous	Professional development opportunities for administrative and leadership positions in the college

IMPORTANT DATES		
11/11	Veteran’s Day	
11/14	Career Fair	10:00-2:00, Alumni Center
11/21	College Chili Cook-Off	11:30-1:00, RH 2 nd fl. knuckle
12/4	IWFL Advisory Board Meeting	Corvallis
12/10	State Land Board Meeting (Elliott Forest discussion)	10:00-12:00, Salem
12/11	College Holiday Party	Club Cabin, Research Forests

12/12	FEC Meeting	9:00-11:00, RH 115
5/12	Grand Opening: Peavy Forest Science Center	afternoon
5/12	Dean's Dinner & Alumni Awards	evening