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**Notes**  
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**Welcome** – Anthony S. Davis

Thank you all for the constructive feedback on the Elliott State Forest. I have been receiving a lot of feedback by email, and while I'm not responding to specific comments, I am getting a lot of great ideas to follow-up on. I think we can continue to track the process and offer to continue exploring the process over the next year, provided costs are funded by a group outside the College. We'll focus on research opportunities and connecting with outside groups.

FERM DH Search Committee has been charged to reform and reinvestigate the applicant pool to see if any not invited to interview should be, or whether interviewed candidates warrant a second interview. We'll know at the end of the process how to proceed or to develop a new plan.

We've been gearing up for the next OSU fundraising campaign (10 year), a \$1.5 billion OSU goal. You try to raise as much of that "silently" before going public with the campaign. We are starting to align our needs with what could be potential areas of interest with donors. Our target is \$121 million – which is large – but based on previous campaigns, conversations with donors, and lots of optimism! We need to grow our internal support, we are not fundraising for one specific item, but a trial phase to see what ideas get energy externally. Faculty, student and programmatic support is our goal, not capital/buildings, etc. How can we help our donors better understand how their support helps us more than a building or naming opportunity? We need infrastructure, research, graduate and UG support... so that's our focus and I'll need help from you telling those stories to best effect. We are building an emphasis in biodiversity, leveraging our strengths in this area to partner with others to become a global leader. And finally, building innovative wood processing with our new Emmerson Lab; we need support for incoming world leading researchers and placing our students and faculty researchers into global opportunities. Even if your particular area is not in the center of our goals, your needs are still important on moving the College forward, so your help in crafting language that engages the donors.

Fundraising targets include: \$40m for programs; \$37m for faculty chairs; \$32.5m for scholarships; \$7m private grants; and \$5m for facilities.

Fundraising priority setting is the topic for our next FEC meeting in December.

**Unit Updates & Pressing Issues**

**Safety** – All

Katy noted that the Safety Committee is working on safety awareness activities and events, including helping labs develop training and safety plan. There is also a contest in the works to earn a safety sticker. Our goal is to enhance what is already happening, using some units like HJA as a model, and addressing issues such as folks completely unused to field experiences. Look for more information in January 2019 from the committee.

**Outreach and Engagement** – Jim Johnson (*Randy Rosenberger substituting*)

Valerie Grant left her position; new search 2019.

Fall Planning meeting in Silverton was great, more participation would be great; new projects include health and safety; team had first aid training and a med kit for all FNR excursions. [add awards]. Extension has a new website launching.

**Foundation Development** – Zak Hansen (*absent*)

**WSE Department** – Eric Hansen (*absent*), Rakesh Gupta

Michelle and Eric visited Lane CC to develop AWPM and RM. Our first candidate for AWPM was on campus earlier this month and the other candidates will be here end November.

**FOBC** – Roger Admiral

Hired new accountant, Amy Manselle, who is taking over grant support for PI's.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** – Heather Roberts

Workgroup has split on three committees: curriculum; awareness/training/community building; and recruitment/retention/P&T. The group has created a work plan for the year which include a variety of activities related to the topics of the three committees.

**International Programs** – Michele Justice (*Kerry Menn substituting*)

Michele is traveling in NZ connecting industry leaders to industry there. New program in Winter to Costa Rica focusing on TRAL degree objectives; led by Andrew Holley TRAL professor and Ron Reuter from Cascades campus; 30% Cascades campus students, 30% ecampus, 30% Corvallis students.

We have a new exchange agreement with [Fachhochschule Salzburg](#) and are particularly excited about opportunities for our students within their Forest Products Technology & Timber Construction program. This summer we welcomed two interns from Fachhochschule, and we're looking forward to continuing to develop the partnership.

**FERM Department** – Jim Johnson (*absent*), Jeff Hatten

Sabbaticals for Doug Oct-June and Jeff Dec-June. Bailey has been leading FERM Coffees on special topics such as curriculum flow, P&T processes and philosophy. Several Native American student will be integrating in to the program. Finalizing process for approving courtesy faculty.

**Computing Resources** – Terralyn Vandetta

Ken West will be retiring November 30, there will be a retirement send-off; we are in the middle of filling the position, should be soon. Still working on the survey to determine what skills are needed for other additions to staffing. November 15 workshop for students. Computing Labs for students continues to be an issue, they can access apps.oregonstate.edu for access to software they need. Also working on other solutions, such as remote desktop opportunity to see if that will assist the UGs.

**FES Department** – Troy Hall (*Mark Needham substituting*), Steve Strauss (*late*)

Department discussing priorities going forward: improving transparency, communication; strengthen programs (marketing, funding); increasing int'l participation; innovation/growth

strategy for the dept. esp. endowments and non-traditional funding sources; developing staffing plan proactively; engaging EXT folks more effectively. Ad hoc committees are forming to work on this.

Bill Ripple's Warning to Society, initiated crowd sourcing campaign; talking at the Science Pub at the Whiteside this coming week.

#### **Research** – Katy Kavanagh

FWHMF concept papers due November 14. Katy noted she had been visiting coop directors and meetings to get acclimated to their work; bring programs together with some central efforts.

Accreditation report for the College to the University: most interesting are the College reports to the Provost – amazing to see how important our work has been over the years! If you ever feel down – go read those!

Working with Matt Betts on fleshing out what the Elliott Forest projects would offer the College – please talk to Matt and Katy about your ideas.

#### **Research Support Faculty** – Michelle Day

Professional development fund call is out and due soon, please encourage applications.

Inconsistencies across departments about who is an RSF – we are huge number of “support researchers” – having conversations about who is included.

#### **Forest Service, PNW Research Station** – Paul Anderson

New Chief Christianson – may be changes in the research realm. Paul's appointment was to end Nov. 10, but not ending! New undersecretary focusing on shared stewardship – discussions around research. \$8 million funding found to finish the building upgrades next door – run through December 2020; this will effect offices for 3-4 weeks at a time on a rotating schedule; lab corridors shut down for 3-4 months at a time; people will be impacted affiliated with COF employees. New Supervisor, Robert Sanchez for Siuslaw; meet him! Inspiring Women Awards – 2 to the Station – Sherrie Johnson recognized for support to students.

#### **Student Services** – Randy Rosenberger

November 14 is the SAF student chapter career fair; asked community colleges to participate, too, as incoming CC students need internships before transferring.

Met with Sierra Pacific Industries to discuss scholarships; they run an employee benefit program to provide scholarships to children of employees - \$650,000. Talked about non-resident tuition barrier, so they may be a partner with us on a differential tuition proposal. COF presence outside Oregon is limited; so we will partner with them to get our network down to Northern California through recruitment at CCs and high schools.

Randy had lunch with students, 35-40 students attended, ambassadors helping with participation. Complaints included computer labs, FERM curriculum flow was mentioned.

#### **Graduate Student Council** – Neil Williams

Council meeting was held, and encouraging grad students to apply for positions. Workshop on careers for research-oriented positions.

**Strategic Initiatives** – Geoff Huntington (*absent*)

**TallWood Design Institute** – Iain Macdonald was not present

**Marketing and Communications** – Michael Collins

New FERM and FES websites were launched, mobile friendly. Reach out with corrections. WSE should be done pretty quickly next.

Biennial report for donor/legislative audience; thanks for the content from you all; review will be sent out shortly.

Shifting some spending to YouTube ads on each of our UG programs; 15 second ads.

Chili cook off today – kick off food drive!

**Research Forests** – Steve Fitzgerald (*absent*)

**Open Discussion after Updates**

Terralyn noted that she has been clearing out old content from the old websites, so if you come across old stuff via google search – please let Terralyn know so she can wipe content we don't need/want displayed.

Anthony followed up on Randy's non-resident proposal topic – opportunity to add students to current classes/programs where we have room (which is a lot of our classes). The Provost is supportive of a proposal for reduced tuition in some model. Our students are some of the most financially burdened so I appreciate Randy putting together a pilot program.

Rakesh asked how DEI will distribute stickers, who gets them: Heather noted that the first level sticker will be an "I support DEI, promise to take part in activities, support others" – the second sticker will have a training requirement for how to best support/advocate/listen to others.

**Flash Talk:** Ari Sinha, WSE

**Adjourn** (*due to many absences, we will not have a topic of the month and will adjourn earlier than usual*)