

## Forestry Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 17, 2012

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The regular bi-weekly meeting of the Forestry Executive Committee called to order by Steve Tesch at 8:30 a.m.

### I. **Meeting Minutes Approval**

The 02-03-12 FEC meeting minutes were approved.

### II. **Updates and Conversation with the Dean** – Hal Salwasser

- **OR Forest Wood Products Innovation Center Proposal Follow-up Conversation with Governor's Staff**

Hal reported on the progress of his conversation with the Governor's staff about the Oregon Forest and Wood Products Innovation Signature Research Center proposal. This institute would be linked with the Governor's priorities for re-engaging the federal forestlands in the economy of the state. Hal is waiting for a formal response on how the Governor's staff would like to work with the College. FEC discussed how to cycle back on the efforts made in the past with the Oregon Inc. proposal regarding the proposed Center for Transportation that was proposed through the Wood Utilization Research program and other leverage pieces, such as biofuels, biomass energy, harvesting, and transportation.

#### *Action Items*

*Thomas will follow-up with John Sessions and Scott Leavengood to discuss opportunities. Hal is scheduled to an annual visit with congressional delegation in DC the first week of March. Hal asked the Department Heads and Steve Tesch to think of talking points about wood utilization research.*

- **CoF Strategic Planning**

Hal will share an enrollment growth strategy that was discussed at the Provost's Council last Wednesday. Hal explained how the ESS Division will team up to implement this strategy. Department Heads and Steve Shields will meet on the College strategic business planning, and then cycle back to full FEC for closure on the process.

- **OFIC Proposal Progress**

Steve Tesch distributed the latest version of House Bill 4002. The hearing was last week and the amended version was sent on to the Ways and Means Committee. The bill will create a fund in the OUS System to support professional forestry education programs and a Council composed of 5 members: (1 industry, 1 small woodland owner, 1 manufacturing, 1 state, 1 conservation). In consultation with the Dean, the Council would set criteria and measurements for the allocation of the money in the fund. The recommendations would go to the Dean and the President of OSU on how the fund would be distributed. This fund will solely support the

undergraduate education. Several members from industry have been meeting with CoF and OSU leaders to agree on a funding mechanism.

- **Spring FRL AC Meeting Agenda**

FEC discussed the agenda topics for the next Forest Research Lab Advisory Committee meeting, scheduled for April 4. Topics will include: updates on the College business plan, recruitment of non-resident students, tuition differential, candidates pool for the Dean's search, search for the geo-technician and soils positions. FEC discussed whether or not to present an update on the RRM/TOL program. Jim Johnson suggested having an agenda item on the Dean's search and group discussion to get the committee's input on charting the path forward and attributes of the new dean.

- **Future Funding of SEEDS**

The College has had two years of experience with the SEEDS program, with funding by the Federal ARRA through the Pacific NW Research Station initially and augmented by small BLM grants. This program has been successful and had an impact on the College's ability to enrich the education experience of diverse students. Hal is seeking continuing support from agencies and other sources, and will present a proposal to the Board of Visitors to get approval to use a portion of the Board of Visitors funds to expand the mentor-protégé program to include a "SEEDS-like" part. Hal is in conversation with the ESS Deans about coordinating the Colleges' efforts on diversity initiatives at the ESS Division level. In addition of extending the SEEDS program, Hal discussed his desire to expand the scope of the program to other fields, i.e. fisheries and wildlife, rangeland, soil sciences. Hal received support from the FEC on his proposal.

### III. **INTO** – Jason Hall

Jason Hall is the INTO OSU International Recruitment and Marketing Manager. Jason presented information about INTO OSU pathways, INTO worldwide operations and networks, and the recruitment and marketing tools that are available. Jason and the FEC discussed how they can partner on this effort to increase the College of Forestry international students' enrollment. FEC discussed the connection with the Sasquatch marketing effort and the need for linkage. John Mann asked what INTO does to help the international students feel at home while there are here. John would like to see this information included in the recruiting info.

*Action Item*

*Nathalie will schedule a follow-up meeting with Jason and the Department Heads, Marv Pyles, Ed Jensen, and Jim Johnson to further discuss a plan for building tools, mobilizing the INTO teams, and identifying targeted international universities to build partnerships. Jason indicated that best time for a follow-up meeting would be prior to March 7 due to his travel schedule.*

### IV. **College Forests Update** – John Mann

- John Mann gave an update to FEC on the College Forests repairs he completed after the storm damage. No additional budget revision is requested at this time for these repairs. A request has been submitted to FEMA to help cover the costs of the repairs; a decision is likely in early March.
- John updated FEC on the status of the Reserve Subdivision issue. A land trade is being discussed as an alternative to maintain the required 300 foot setback to protect CoF interests.
- John updated FEC on progress in selling the Spaulding Tract. The tract is being appraised.

**V. Marketing and Communication Plan Decision – Thomas Maness**

The Dean, Department Heads, and Roger Admiral completed interviews with marketing professionals last week. They decided to go with Sasquatch Consulting. The Sasquatch consultants will be meeting with the Department Heads today at 3:00 pm in PVY 282 to discuss objectives to develop a proposal.

**VI. Maybelle Clark McDonald Professorship Recruitment – Hal/Zak Hansen**

The Maybelle Clark McDonald Professorship was created last June and FEC seek to fill it by June. FEC discussed the funding and structure of the position that would be similar to the Knudson Professorship. The Knudson Professorship will also be up at the end of June. FEC would like to have one search committee for the two positions. FEC nominated Marv Pyles to chair the search committee. Possible names for the search committee: John Nairm, John Sessions, John Murphy, Klaus Puettmann, Bruce Shindler, Chris Dunn, Jesse Paris, Emily Platt, Claire Rogan, Jake Thompson, Jennifer Beathe, Tash Shahid, Andrea Thorpe, and Dawn Anzinger. The steering committee will be composed of the three department Heads.

*Actions Items*

*Marv Pyles will make a recommendation to the Dean on the final search committee members. The Dean will appoint the members and will give them their charge. Marv will meet with the Department Heads.*

**VII. OSU Logging Sports Team/Forestry Club is Hosting Annual Conclave – Jeff Wimer, Justin Thomas, and Quincy Coons**

On March 26-30, OSU will host this year's western regional AWFC Conclave. Conclave is an annual meeting of regional forestry clubs to learn about regional natural resources issues. The events also include logging sports competition. Schools from Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Colorado, Utah, Washington, and Oregon have taken turns hosting this annual competition since 1937. Jeff Wimer, Justin Thomas, and Quincy Coons wanted to get FEC's support and inform the committee about the opportunities for the College to advertise its programs through TV commercials. The Forestry Club is looking for more sponsors, donors, and help from the University and the College. Justin Thomas described the things they are falling short on. Quincy Coons described the efforts that they have done to seek sponsorship. The Hoener Fund and wood cut program will be used to cover some of

these expenses. John Mann recommended contacting members of the OFIC. Volunteers are still needed to help run events and numerous other tasks.

*Action Items*

*Hal offered to make personal contacts to industry counterparts if more sponsorship is needed. FERM will make a plea at the lunch on Friday at the OR Logging Conference. Steve Tesch suggested a tour about natural resources issues in the Willamette Valley to offer something different. John Mann will send a draft note for Hal to send to CoF faculty to encourage them to participate.*

**VIII. Giustina Fund RFP Update – Steve Tesch/Roger Admiral**

The College has currently \$150,000 available for new RFPs. The Dean's Office will send out an RFP. FEC will make the final decision. There will be a two-year end date. This will give the opportunity for faculty to compete for three \$50,000 awards. Faculty will need to justify how they will leverage these dollars. This money is for forest management and renewable materials related research.

**Decision**

Cap at \$50,000 for a proposal

*Action Items*

*Roger and Steve will revise the last RFP. Roger will send examples of ideal projects to the Department Heads.*

**IX. Other Topics**

• **The Role of College P&T Committee in Senior Faculty/Administrator Searches** – Steve Tesch

FEC discussed how to best engage the College level P&T Committee in the approval of indefinite tenure of a new senior faculty or administrator. The Department Heads were not in favor of having the College P&T involved at the search process stage. They felt that it is the responsibility of the Department P&T Committee to review and evaluate the candidates' credentials for indefinite tenure and make a recommendation of their findings to the department and CoF dean. The College P&T Committee will need to provide an independent evaluation and provide a letter of their findings to the dean as well.

**Decision**

Eric Hansen will have the Department P&T letter for Dr. Schimleck revised. The College P&T committee will need to do their best job to provide their independent recommendations and votes. Steve Tesch will follow-up with Kevin Boston. Steve Tesch will also discuss best practices with Becky Warner to learn what other colleges are doing to engage their respective College P&T Committees in these reviews.

• **AFRI/IPM Competitive Grants Program Listening Sessions** – Steve Tesch

FEC discussed the opportunity for faculty to provide their input to NIFA and perhaps influence the RFAs coming out from AFRI. Steve Tesch suggested identifying 4-5 key thematic areas that Jim Johnson and Hal could take to the NAUFRP meeting. Need by end of February.

*Action Item*

*Jim will get some guidance from Eric Norland and Department Heads will meet next week w/Jim.*

- **Outstanding Alumnus Awardees Selection** – Thomas Maness & Paul Doescher  
FERM and FES are still working on selecting their outstanding alumni. The challenge is for the awardees to be able to attend the ceremony. This item will be scheduled in September to allow plenty of time for this selection process.
- **Call for 2012 Exemplary Classified Employee Award Nomination** –  
*Action Item*  
*Roger Admiral will verify with Jerri Hemmer if nominations should be for both classified and professional faculty.*

**Announcement**

Eric Hansen will be hosting a reception for new Department Head Laurie Schimleck and his family at his house on March 12. Eric has extended the invitation to FEC members and WSE faculty. Please let Eric know if you plan to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Nathalie Gitt and revised by Steve Tesch.

**Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

Roger Admiral, Paul Doescher, Ed Jensen, Eric Hansen, Thomas Maness, Marv Pyles, Randy Rosenberger, Hal Salwasser, Jim Johnson, Steve Tesch

**Guests:** John Mann, Jason Hall, Zak Hansen, Kevin Boston, Chris Knowles, David Hibbs, Jeff Wimer, Justin Thomas, and Quincy Coons

**Meeting Handouts:**

- 1) 02-17-12 FEC Meeting Agenda – Steve Tesch
- 2) 02-03-12 FEC Meeting Draft Minutes – Steve Tesch
- 3) 02-16-12 FEC Action Items List – Nathalie Gitt
- 4) Proposed Amendments to HB 4002 – Hal Salwasser
- 5) INTO Questions – Ed Jensen
- 6) International Marketing & Recruitment of the College of Forestry PPT Presentation – Jason Hall
- 7) Stakeholder Sessions AFRI/IPM Competitive Grants Program Feb. 16 NAUFRP Email
- 8) Call for Exemplary Employee Award Nominations – Feb 2, 2012 Memo from Jeri Hemmer