

## Forestry Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 2, 2012

RH 115

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 02-17-12 FEC meeting minutes were approved.

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

- OSU Enrollment Growth Strategy

The strategy will focus on specific programmatic areas articulated with the outreach and communication efforts that Steve Clark is currently leading. The details of targeted programs are not yet ready to be shared with FEC. Sasquatch Agency will be working on the strategy for the College of Forestry.

- OFIC Proposal Progress

The B-Engrossed House Bill 4002 is now in the Governor's Office to be signed. A copy of the revised bill was distributed at the meeting. The bill will create a fund in the OUS to support professional forestry education. Fund will potentially come from an increase of the harvest tax that may also be matched from E&G fund by OSU. How much, if any, of an increase in harvest tax rate will go into this fund will be decided at the next legislative session.

### III. Logging Sports Accident Reporting (new agenda item) – John Mann

John reported an accident that took place during a logging sports practice yesterday afternoon at the College Forests. A student was practicing speed chopping and was wearing the correct protecting gear but had tennis shoes on. John and Jeff Wimer will conduct an investigation.

#### **Decision**

The footwear policy for logging sports participants will be revised.

### IV. CoF Media Opportunity – Ed Jensen

Caryn Davis received an inquiry from Theresa Hogue from University Advancement who is working with Stihl Timbersports on the broadcasting of the Association of Western Forestry Clubs Conclave to be held at OSU during spring break. They will highlight the College during the national broadcasting of the event. FEC discussed the need to coordinate the attendance of College official representatives, designated students and faculty to be interviewed, and prepare specific messaging. More volunteers are needed for this event.

#### *Action Item*

*John Mann will coordinate with the Department Heads and Steve Tesch and identify the students or faculty/staff who will be interviewed. The Dean will send a college wide message to encourage faculty, staff, and students' participation. John will report back to FEC at the next meeting on details for this event.*

- V. **Maybelle Clark McDonald Professorship** – Zak Hansen/Hal Salwasser  
Marv Pyles drafted a position description for the new Maybelle Clark McDonald Professorship that he will circulate for FEC approval. FEC discussed the language to be used in the announcement to carefully represent the expectation of the position and build new contributions. Members suggested ideas for creating a bigger pool of candidates. Hal recommended that the position be open to tenure/tenure track faculty.

*Actions Item*

*Marv Pyles will work with the Department Heads to adjust the language of the PD and announcement. Marv will report back at the next FEC meeting to bring this item to closure so that the search can be launched.*

- VI. **OSU Private Foundation Opportunities for CoF Needs** – Steve Tesch  
The OSUF has a specific person who focuses on private foundations. Martha Coleman is the most knowledgeable staffer about private foundation opportunities for the College's needs. FEC discussed how they will engage and cultivate a relationship with Martha to seek funding opportunities. Zak Hansen passed around the list of private charitable foundations that Martha coordinates. These foundations have multiple interests around the university that may be of interest to the College. Steve Tesch wanted FEC to start thinking of ideas to present to Martha. Zak made some recommendations on how he can help with approaching new foundations. FEC brainstormed some ideas of projects to fund:

- Interpretive Signage Education with New Technology on the College Forests – John Mann
- Arboretum Learning Center Forest – Ed Jensen
- SEEDS Program – Ed Jensen
- LTER
- Forestry and Natural Resources in the Developing World – Marv Pyles
- Future Rural Development – John Bliss
- Micro X-ray Equipment - WSE

*Action Item*

*The Dean's Office will invite Martha Coleman during spring term and possibly schedule quarterly meetings thereafter. In preparation for this meeting, Steve Tesch asked FEC members to send him 4-5 priority topic items that represent the breadth of College that are hard to fund by traditional competitive grants.*

*Hal asked John Mann to prepare a proposal to seek OFRI funding regarding the interpretive signage with new technology to present to the Board at next OFRI Board Meeting. Hal will contact Paul Barnum to see if this item could be added on the next OFRI Board meeting agenda scheduled for April 13.*

- VII. **Sasquatch Marketing Communication Effort Update** – Eric Hansen  
Eric Hansen reported on the meeting with Mike Smith and Stephanie Murphy from Sasquatch Agency and several people from CoF, E-campus, and INTO. Stephanie will get

back to the group with a proposal for deliverables.

*Action item*

*Eric Hansen will update FEC at the next meeting.*

**VIII. Giustina Research Fund RFP Request for Proposals – Steve Tesch**

Steve Tesch routed a draft for the Giustina Research Fund request for proposals (RFP) at the meeting for FEC's approval. Thomas Maness suggested an additional item under criteria for performance on previous grants and awards.

**Decision**

FEC approved the draft as amended by Thomas Maness.

*Action Item*

*Steve Tesch will send the RFP request for proposals next week.*

**IX. McIntire Stennis Pre-proposal Selection – Steve Tesch**

There were 25 pre-proposals submitted. 13 proposals were selected. Steve shared the breadth of proposals he received.

**X. INTO Actions: Clarity on Pathway and Marketing Plan – Ed Jensen and Department Heads**

Ed Jensen gave a progress report on the outcome from the meeting he and the Department Heads had with the Jason Hall, INTO Director of Marketing and Recruitment of International Students. Ed described some of the steps that were discussed i.e. creation of new CoF web links, identification of international forestry programs/countries that CoF wants to market its programs. Ed will meet with other INTO staff to discuss visibility of the Forestry pathway programs. FEC discussed renewing investments in the COF International Programs area, the need for the college to have a lead faculty/official responsible for developing and cultivating international relationships.

*Action Item*

*Steve Tesch suggested inviting Jim Lundy from College of Engineering and Jim Coakley from the College of Business to get their insights about their experiences with INTO international programs.*

**XI. Spring FRL AC Meeting Agenda – Steve Tesch**

FEC members discussed the agenda topics for the next Forest Research Lab Advisory Committee meeting, scheduled for April 4. The draft agenda was distributed at the meeting.

*Action Item*

*For the Dean's search process update, Paul Doescher and Mark Abbott will lead the discussion. The discussion will focus on developing a set of questions to ask the candidates*

about the challenges and opportunities for the future of the College. Forestry members from the search committee, Sabah Randhawa, and Sharon Tanabe will be invited.

Additional topics to add to the agenda:

- College marketing and recruiting Update- Stephanie Murphy from Sasquatch Agency will be invited.
- Featuring a research project - FEC suggested few projects that they felt would be of interest, i.e. Hazardous Building, Arijit Sinah, Scott Leavengood's work, Bev Law's thinning study, Matt Betts' landscape study, John Bliss' current work, Robin Rose's Veg. Management study.
- New hires presentation.

## XII. Other Topics

- **AFRI/IPM Competitive Grants Program Listening Sessions** – Steve Tesch  
The record is open for continuing faculty input until March 23. Jim Johnson will provide FEC with some guidance when he returns from DC. FEC discussed ideas on how to frame the future agenda for NIFA.

*Action Item*

*Steve Tesch has welcomed FEC's input.*

- **Dunn and Bowerman Awards** – Ed Jensen  
The Dunn and Bowerman Awards request announcement has gone out. Ed Jensen distributed a comparison chart at the meeting to help clarify eligibility and differences between these two awards. Nominations are due April 20.
- **PNW Administrative of Joint Venture Agreements** – Steve Tesch  
No new information on the increase match requirement on JVA proposals.
- **Dean's Search Update** – Paul Doescher  
No Update.
- **Faculty/Staff Training "Responding to Distressed and Disruptive Student Behavior"** – Steve Tesch  
Kathy Howell will be giving a faculty/staff training focused broadly on responding to distressed and disruptive student behavior. The training is scheduled for March 19 in RH 313 from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM. Everyone in contact and working with students is encouraged to attend. FEC discussed the need to have a College wide plan in the instance of a lockdown.
- **Outstanding Alumnus Awardees Selection** – Thomas Maness & Paul Doescher  
FES will have their selection done by the end of the day. FEC discussed whether or not to consider increasing the number of nominations to two per department in the future. FERM will submit their awardee when selected.

- **RRM Update** – Paul Doescher and Randy Rosenberger  
Paul reported on the outcome from the last meeting that Mark Needham attended at the Cascade campus with TOL faculty and Becky Johnson. The impression is that they were not interested in a collaborative program. Paul let FEC know that further internal discussion will take place about the idea of building a new vibrant program in the area of tourism at OSU.

*Action Item*

*Paul Doescher will bring back a proposal to FEC.*

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, Steve Tesch

Absence: Jim Johnson

**Guests:** John Mann, Zak Hansen, David Hibbs

**Meeting Handouts:**

- 1) 03-02-12 FEC Meeting Agenda – Steve Tesch
- 2) 02-17-12 FEC Meeting Draft Minutes – Steve Tesch
- 3) 03-01-12 FEC Action Items List – Nathalie Gitt
- 4) B-Engrossed HB 4002– Hal Salwasser
- 5) Giustina Innovative Research Grants Programs Request for Proposals – Steve Tesch
- 6) Comparison of Bowerman, Dunn and Outstanding Senior in each program Awards – Ed Jensen
- 7) FRL AC Draft Agenda – Nathalie Gitt
- 8) Foundation Coordination List – Zak Hansen