

Forestry Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 16, 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

FEC members approved the minutes from March 2 FEC meeting.

II. Updates and Conversation with the Dean – Hal Salwasser

• **NAUFRP Report on JVA Cost Share**

Hal reported on his conversation with the NAUFRP Executive Committee and Jim Reaves, Forest Service Deputy Chief for Research and Development, about JVA cost share. By law, joint venture and cooperative agreements if not done competitively, can't return indirect cost to land grant universities. The NAUFRP is in favor to change the law. Hal discussed other options to get cost recovery. FEC discussed the need for an internal JVA policy to support administrative cost.

• **DC Internships**

FERM has couple PhD students doing internships with Bill Lange at the Forest Service in D.C. Hal let FEC know that he contacted Mark Rey who is leading the Boone and Crockett internships program for Michigan State and Mississippi State for various positions in D.C. Hal asked Mark if he could expand the program to OSU and how to engage our students to be placed as interns. FEC discussed the array of opportunities for CoF students.

Action Item

Hal will report back to FEC once he hears from Mark.

• **FRL AC Agenda**

The final FRL AC agenda was distributed at the meeting for review and approval. Paul Doescher asked that a copy of the Dean's position description be available to participants at the meeting. Paul gave a brief update on the Dean's search.

Action Item

For the overview of the new hires presentation, supervisors of the new hires will prepare a PPT slide to include the new hire's photo and background information. Eric Hansen will prepare a slide for Laurie Schimleck. Steve Tesch will prepare a slide for John Mann.

• **SEEDS Funding Update**

Hal spoke with Jim Reaves about the SEEDS program at the NAUFRP meeting and he let him know that he was in conversation with the Forest Service executives about getting some support from the agency. Hal will also propose to the Board of Visitors to incorporate the SEEDS program and will get closure on this at the June Board of Visitors' meeting.

- *Action Item*
Hal will have a following conversation with Bov Eav, Ed Shepard, and Kent Connaughton at the PNW Research Station Ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 4.

III. **College Forests and Association of Western Forestry Clubs Conclave Updates –**

John Mann

John gave an update on the following topics:

- The College Forests' road conditions after the repairs
John attended a FEMA meeting to find out about the process of getting reimbursement for the College Forests' damages caused by the January storm. John will meet with the case officer next Tuesday to discuss the details.
- Spaulding tract
John is waiting for an appraisal from Ron Stuntzner. OSU is developing a university process for the sale of property. This will take six weeks.
- Blodgett Tract logging activity
- Conclave Update
Preparation of the logging sport arena and safety cable
Jessica Watson in the FERM Department will help with volunteers and schedule of events. John reported on the financial situation. Jeff Wimer will help with fundraising and donations of materials. Zak Hansen will follow-up with couple donors about this sponsorship opportunity.
- Land exchange negotiation with the Brandis Family is still ongoing.

Action item

John Mann, Steve Tesch, and Hal will meet next week to prep a response to John Brandis.

IV. **Sustainability Double Degree and COF Role –** Paul Doescher

FEC discussed what role the College of Forestry would like to play in providing leadership for this double degree as well as what financial model would make sense. Paul Doescher discussed the need to have this program funded appropriately by the university and the need to take care of the Students' interest. Paul distributed a proposal for a projection cost for start-ups and a long term budget to make the program work. Paul asked Hal to engage the deans who signed the Cat 1 to come up with a unified vision to get this work programmatically and financially.

Action Item

Hal will contact Becky Warner at break to get a meeting scheduled with the appropriate deans and Becky regarding the funding of this program.

V. **Role of CoF P&T Committee in Hires Involving Indefinite Tenure –** Kevin Boston

FEC discussed how to involve the College P&T Committee earlier in the search process of senior faculty/administrative hires so that they have plenty time to provide an independent evaluation of the tenurability of the candidates before an offer is made and to allow enough time for requiring more in depth information before the closure of the search.

Decision

Engagement of College P&T, Department P&T, and search committee will be during the interviews of the finalists.

Action Item

Steve will revise Administrative Memo 3-3a to include a statement about engaging the College and Department P&T committees to review finalists after they have been announced and selected. The department may also need to have their own policy on how to handle the review of a candidate for indefinite tenure.

VI. **IUCN/World Conservation Institute** – Badege Bishaw and Lisa Templeton from Extended Campus

OSU received an invitation from the World Conservation Institute (WCI) about a possible partnership with a network of international universities involved in online education in Natural Resources. The initial aim of the WCI is to develop and deliver first-class, globally-recognized, graduate level credential, to persons either working in, or wishing to enter the field of conservation/sustainability as prescribed by the mission of the IUCN. Badege and Lisa wanted to get FEC's feedback on issues they might have.

Action Item

FEC was interesting in the preliminary proposal presented. Lisa and Badege will get back to the FEC with a more detailed proposal for approval.

VII. **Charge Advisors to Assess Student Community in CoF** – Space Committee/Ed Jensen

This was the result of interviews completed by a marketing firm in an effort to create a more inclusive community of CoF students. The Space Committee recommended to Hal and the FEC to charge Clay Torset to convene a committee of professional advisors to provide some suggestions to FEC on what steps can the College of Forestry take to create a better sense of shared community with the CoF Students and how can the staff and faculty work together to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of advising in the College.

Action Item

Ed Jensen will send the memo to Hal for his approval. Hal will send the charge to Clay Torset.

VIII. **Spring Research Equipment Reserve Funds** – Steve Tesch

Steve Tesch recommended that in the future, he would like to see a cover letter that documents how the PI pursued the exploration of other matches. Department Heads will be asked to inquire about other matches.

FEC reviewed three RERF proposals for College match consideration from:

- 1) Matt Shinderman for a project vehicle, match amount: \$4,552
- 2) Fred Kamke for a ThermoFisher Continuum IR Microscope, match amount: \$16,795
- 3) Robert Kennedy for a perceptive Pixel LCD exhibit & developer's multi-touch, match amount: \$11,395

Decision

- Match for Matt Shinderman was approved by FEC.

- Match for Fred Kamke was sent back to the PI to seek additional matches.
- Match for Robert Kennedy was approved by FEC. Paul Doescher will contact Robert to have him provide a stronger justification for the purchase of this equipment.
These proposals are due on Monday cob.

IX. Other Topics

- **McIntire Stennis Projects Update – Steve Tesch**
Steve asked for FEC's feedback on what to do with the existing approved projects. Steve's recommendation was to provide \$2,000 for each of those.
Decision
FEC was in favor.
- **Giustina Research RFP Update – Steve Tesch**
The request for proposals went out.
- **Maybelle Clark McDonald Professorship PD Update – Marv Pyles**
Marv sent to Hal the revised PD and search committee composition for approval. Marv had two issues he wanted feedback on: 1) 10% stipend if a faculty is on .75 FTE position? and 2) sabbatical leave?
Decision
1) Increase the FTE 2) Suspend for the duration of the sabbatical leave, require 3 years total in chair position.

Action Item
Marv will revise the PD and announcement to include the provision about sabbatical leave.
- **Sasquatch Recruiting/Marketing Effort Update – Eric Hansen**
Ed Jensen made some comments on the proposal from Stephanie Murphy. Department Heads gave their feedback on the proposal and language.
- **INTO Forestry Pathways Update – Ed Jensen**
There are two separate conversations going on: 1) How to attract more international students 2) INTO pathway program for 1st year students that INTO has recruited. There are pathways into different disciplines. Ed Jensen will have a meeting with the INTO staff to craft pathways for NR and RM students.
- **AFRI Competitive Grants Program Listening Sessions – Steve Tesch**
Steve Tesch reminded FEC that if they wanted to provide input, the deadline is April.

Action Item
DHs will route the request to their faculty.
- **OSU Private Foundation Opportunities for CoF Needs – Steve Tesch**
Steve has received a proposal from Ed Jensen. Steve reminded FEC to submit their ideas to present to Martha Coleman in spring term.

- **RRM Update** (new agenda item) – Randy Rosenberger
Faculty and CoF advisors met last Wednesday to discuss a new vision for the RRM program to not be in competition with the TOL program. A more detailed proposal and discussion will be presented at the April 20 FEC meeting.

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, Jim Johnson, Eric Hansen, Thomas Maness, Marv Pyles, Randy Rosenberger, Steve Tesch, Hal Salwasser, Laurie Schimleck

Guests: Badege Bishaw, Kevin Boston, Zak Hansen, John Mann, Lisa Templeton, Clay Torset

Meeting Handouts:

- 1) 03-16-12 FEC Meeting Agenda – Steve Tesch
- 2) 03-02-12 FEC Meeting Draft Minutes – Steve Tesch
- 3) 03-13-12 FEC Action Items List – Nathalie Gitt
- 4) FRL AC Draft Agenda – Nathalie Gitt
- 5) BS in Sustainability Double Degree 03-15-12 Budget Projection Email – Paul Doescher
- 6) CoF Promotion & Tenure Committee Process for Reviewing Dossiers 02-15-12 Memo – Kevin Boston
- 7) IUCN Draft for Discussion – Badege Bishaw
- 8) Internationalizing Natural Resources Education through E-Learning – Badege Bishaw
- 9) Spring Research Equipment Reserve Funds Proposals from Fred Kamke, Robert Kennedy, Matt Shinderman – Jeffrie Husband