Forestry Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Friday, May 16, 2014 Richardson Hall 115 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Attendees: Roger Admiral, Mike Altimus, Zak Hansen, Lisa Ganio, Geoff Huntington, Thomas Maness, Claire Montgomery, Ann Mary Quarandillo, Jim Johnson, Robin Rose, Randy Rosenberger, Steve Tesch

Absences: John Bliss, Steve Fitzgerald, Jeff Morrell, Laurie Schimleck

Guests: Tyson Bertone-Riggs, Melora Park, Sandra Larsen

Notes: Nathalie Gitt

Update and Conversation on Current Events and Near-term Priorities - Thomas Maness

- Provost's Council Update
 - Upcoming search for interim vice president of research Need CoF representation on the search committee.
 - Salary merit for employees with meritorious performance Provided clarification on process.
 - Call for 2014-15 Provost's Hiring Initiative proposal to the academic deans All proposals are due on June 9 to the Provost. Forestry was allocated 2 positions. The Dean will open these two positions up as a competition to the three departments. Proposals from each department are due to the Dean by June 2. Proposals should be focused on students' success. Department heads will manage the process. The idea of a Geospatial Intelligence and Planning faculty forestry position will be put forward under the ESS Division pool. Steve Tesch will take the lead. Geoff Huntington will be managing the planning during Thomas' absence.

Top ranked positions for the College are:

- 1) Traditional Ecological Knowledge/Aboriginal Forestry
- 2) Community and Economic Development
- 3) Fire Ecology and Ecological Restoration
- 4) Ecosystem Services Provision and Management
- 5) Global Tourism Impacts and Assessment, Ecotourism

- 6) Renewable Materials in the Built Environment
- Update on Dean's conference call with the architects
 The architects will advance two designs at the June 3rd All College Meeting: a total remodel and a new construction of Peavy. Thomas might ask for a third design option.

Student services update – Randy Rosenberger

- New staff members
 Autumn Granger NR Advisor
 Brooke Clair OS2
 Sade Beasley PROMISE Summer Interim
- Head Advisor Search

Outcome from criteria for promotion for senior FRA Discussion – Lisa Ganio

Eleven senior FRA 1 faculty are currently eligible for consideration to be promoted to a level 2. Klaus Puettmann is taking the lead to develop criteria. The draft memo will be routed to the department heads.

Dean's investment fund – Geoff Huntington

The grant awards are going out ASAP to the PIs. For most part all the proposals were funded.

Appointments to Institute for Working Forest Landscapes (IWFL) – Steve Tesch

The repopulation of the FRL Advisory Committee and the proposed membership for the IWFL Advisory Committee in the 4 thematic areas were discussed at the meeting. It was suggested to add an ex-officio appointment from State Parks under the Healthy People and Communities research.

The function of the IWFL Advisory Committee will be to advise the College on funding recommendations, provide focus to direct key research, and lobbying for the College.