

Forestry Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 26, 2011

9:30 – 11:15 p.m.

Richardson Hall 115

Meeting facilitated by Steve Tesch

Members present: Roger Admiral, Paul Doescher, Jim Johnson, Eric Hansen, Thomas Maness, Jeff McDonnell, Steve Tesch, Hal Salwasser

Members absent: Tom McLain and Ed Jensen

Guests: Dave Hibbs, Amy Grotta, and Josh Baur

Meeting Handouts:

- 1) 05-26-11 FEC Meeting Agenda – Steve Tesch
- 2) 05-17-11 FEC Meeting Draft Minutes – Steve Tesch
- 3) 05-26-11 Action Items Tracking List – Steve Tesch
- 4) OSU Sustainable Forests Partnership Meeting 5/11/09 – Amy Grotta
- 5) Sustainable Forestry Partnership Update – Amy Grotta
- 6) Sustainable Forests Partnership Newsletter – Amy Grotta
- 7) Draft Discussion Director, Marketing and Communications, CoF – Eric Hansen
- 8) FRL AC June 29, 2011 Tentative Agenda – Hal Salwasser
- 9) Final Candidates for the FEC Member at-Large Position – Nathalie Gitt

I. Sustainable Forestry Partnership (SFP)

Amy Grotta shared her perspective on the future directions of the SFP and the role she played in the past two years. Amy distributed a summary of the activities and updates from Badege Bishaw and Susan Morre. FEC discussed whether or not there was value to remain involved in the Partnership or to withdraw.

Decision

FEC members decided to withdraw from the partnership because they did not see a compelling reason to stay involved.

Action Item

Hal will officially make the announcement.

II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

The minutes from the May 17 FEC meeting were approved.

III. Update and Conversation with the Dean

- **Legislative Fiscal Office Update**

Hal reported that the Legislative Fiscal Office has sent a request through OUS to OSU to tell them what would the Statewides maintain in capacity with a \$9.1M add back into the budget. There is a work session with the Natural Resources Subcommittee scheduled to go over the Harvest Tax Bill (HB 2124).

IV. College Director of Marketing and Communications

Eric Hansen distributed a copy of the “Draft Discussion Piece from May 26th FEC Meeting”. This document describes a situation that requires a highly strategic and comprehensive approach to College communications and recommended creation of the College position: Director, Marketing and Communications. FEC discussed what will be the right structure for this person to fit into and their role. Roger gave some examples of similar positions that exist in other colleges. Paul Doescher suggested that this proposal should be presented to the Provost as part of the College’s broad strategy to move forward in the future.

Action Item

Hal will add this piece to the College rebranding proposal that he will present to Sabah the third week in June. Steve suggested additional background info on what the other Colleges are doing, i.e. College of Engineering and College Business.

V. Other Topics

- **FRL AC June 29 Draft Agenda**

FEC reviewed the draft agenda and suggested some adjustments. Hal thought that the meeting should be labeled with the theme of Rebranding the College of Forestry. FEC discussed Sabah’s attendance to the lunch and small group reporting session.

Action Item

Jim will invite four Extension faculty to facilitate the group sessions.

Nathalie will inquire about Sabah’s availability. Hal will send special invitations to round up proper representation and group composition, i.e. Sarah Vickerman and Russ Hoeflich.

- **OSU AA Alumni Fellows Nomination Due June 10**

The College has an opportunity to nominate another alumnus. The Alumni Fellows award recognizes alumni whose professional, civic, and volunteer accomplishments bring acclaim to OSU. FEC brainstormed some possible names: Bodie Shaw, Kevin McGuire, and Kent Connaughton. Jeff McDonnell suggested Richard Meganck who is currently Professor at OSU, Institute for Water and Watersheds. He recently joined the U.S. Army Corps of

Engineer's International Center for Integrated Water Resources Management. Richard holds a PhD in natural resource management from CoF.

Decision

FEC decided to nominate Richard Meganck.

Action Item

Jeff will gather some info for Richard Meganck's nomination and assist with the nomination letter.

- **Continuing RRM Admission**

The College is still admitting students to RRM because the CAT 1 proposal to suspend the program is still in process. This will make things more difficult for future years, since the College will need to continue offering the program for about 5 years following enrolling the last student. Ed Jensen and Paul Doescher will explore the options of formal suspension of the program which will be a year from now.

Decision

The advisors will make the students aware of the RRM program suspension and will work with the students to provide them with other options with the NR program.

- **Research Office Start-up Package Draft Approach**

Steve Tesch distributed a memo regarding the start-up funds for 2012 from Rich Holdren. The Associate Deans will get a chance to discuss the distribution of capital equipment funds (RERF) for each college in support of all the new hires being made for September 2011.

- **FEC Member At-Large Nominations**

The nominations for the new member at-large positions closed on May 20. The Dean's office received four names. FEC made their selections.

Decision

Marv Pyle has been selected for the 1-year position. Randy Rosenberger has been selected for the two years position. Fred Kamke and Klaus Puettmann will cycle back when the positions will reopen.

- **Board of Visitors Astoria**

There are still four seats open. Hal would like to invite several endowed chairs to join.

Action Item

Hal asked FEC to give him some ideas on who to invite. The names mentioned were John Bliss, Klaus Puettmann, and Glen Murphy.

Minutes were prepared by Nathalie Gitt and revised by Steve Tesch 06-01-2011