

Forestry Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 1, 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. Summary of Actions Items

1. **Appointment for Darius to Act as FERM DH**
Thomas will send a draft to Hal.
2. **Support for MNR**
Paul will debrief Hal.
3. **FRL Jobs and Economy Budget Planning**
The FEC members will send their impact statements to Steve Tesch for the presentation preparation. Hal will follow-up with Paul Barnum to get access to the Hovee report and the OFRI Economic impact summary for the forest sector group.
4. **Seema Mangla's Employment**
Hal will follow-up with Steve Mealey this Friday regarding funding support for invasive species work. FEC made a commitment to offer Seema a .5 FTE appointment. Roger Admiral and Paul Doescher will follow-up on getting the paperwork through.
5. **Plum Creek Press Release Issue**
Hal to follow-up with President Ray on the response.
6. **Sasquatch Analysis Implementation**
FEC recommended that FCR works on a contingency plan to staff up and creates a timeline for completion of the Sasquatch recommendations. Eric will ensure that Kathy gets included in future meeting with Sasquatch.
7. **Dean's Search**
Steve Tesch will finalize the list of questions and will get them out to the committee. Steve will send the draft strategic thoughts on the future of the College of Forestry along with a message to the faculty and staff on how to engage in the process. The June 13 joint faculty meeting info will be included in the message.
8. **Daily Barometer Ad**
Roger Admiral will purchase the Ad. Sandie Arbogast will design the ¼ page ad submit to the Daily Barometer.
9. **Promotion and Tenure Committees and Schedule**
FERM and WSE will need to elect new committee members. The candidates' dossiers will be due in the Dean's office by dead week in fall term for the College P&T Committee review. Kevin Boston will schedule the first College P&T committee meeting the first week of fall term. The Department Heads will submit their P&T cases to Nathalie Gitt.

10. **FEC Member-at-Large Nominations Due June 13**

FEC will fill Marv's seat with a FERM faculty nomination.

II. **Announcements**

1. FEC welcomed Laurie Schimleck, WSE Department Head. Laurie's appointment started on June 1.
2. Steve Tesch reminded the FEC about the couple functions scheduled for Friday, June 1.
 - Bruce Schindler's retirement
 - The Xi Sigma Pi initiation and banquet to encourage faculty support.
3. FEC debriefed on the Students Award Ceremony that was held on May 31. Faculty attendance seemed lower than last year.
4. Thomas Maness appointed Darius Adams as FERM Department Head during the Dean's Search.

Action Item

The Dean will need to formalize this appointment.

III. **Meeting Minutes Approval**

The May 18, 2012 FEC meeting minutes were approved.

IV. **Updates and Conversation with the Dean** – Hal Salwasser

- **Applied Economics Agreement**

Hal received an email from Brenda McComb about the termination of Provost's support to the Grad School Applied Economics. This issue needs clarification to determine the Provost's intent. Some believe that Provost pledged longer term support in an addendum to the Cat I proposal.

Paul Doescher discussed support for the MNR program.

Action Item

Paul will brief Hal on this issue.

- **Budget Process Update**

Sherm Bloomer, Director of Budget and Fiscal Planning, met with Hal, Steve Tesch, and Roger Admiral this week to get a better understanding about the College funding sources, budget shortfall and current situation. The funding for interdisciplinary programs was also a topic of discussion.

- **FRL Jobs and Economy Budget Planning**

Hal is preparing a report on FRL economic impacts and talking points to submit to the Provost. The Economy and Jobs Program Funding Team will meet on June 13 with Steve Tesch and Roger Admiral to review the FRL proposal. The Program Funding Team will provide their budget

recommendations in September for all the proposals. Hal has accepted to serve on the Budget Program Funding Team for the Healthy Environments. Hal described the new Governor's budget/legislative process that the state will be using. The Program Funding Team will be charged to create from scratch Oregon's first edition of a citizen-prioritized outcome-based budget.

Action Items

The FEC members will send their impact statements to Steve Tesch for the presentation preparation. Hal will follow-up with Paul Barnum to get access to the updated OFRI report for the forest sector group.

- **Active Dual Placement Conversations**

Hal met Tammy Bray to discuss the College participation in supporting a dual placement opportunity with Human and Public Health. The cost of this dual hiring would be split in three ways among the Provost and participating Colleges for 3 years, then the College would own the second person. This would be a tenure-track appointment. Hal consulted with FEC for a decision. The FEC would like to see the Provost support permanently this initiative.

- FEC discussed a proposed plan for employing Seema Mangla. Seema would do some invasive species work. Mealey Boise foundation may be interested in supporting invasive species work for couple years. This topic has been a high priority for Steve Mealey.

Action Item

Hal will follow-up with Steve Mealey this Friday. FEC made a commitment to offer Seema a .5 FTE appointment. Roger Admiral and Paul Doescher will follow-up on getting the paperwork through.

- **Peter Thornton's Joint Appointment Proposal Between the CoF and CEOAS**

CEOAS is trying to hire Peter under the first year Provost's initiative. Mark Abbott, Hal, Bev Law, and Peter were negotiating funding to cover Peter's salary and trying to seal the deal.

- **Plum Creek Press Release Issue**

Rick Holley expressed his concerns to Hal about the carbon biomass and forest thinning press release. Hal let Rick know that he had a conversation with the OSU Communications and Marketing Vice President about having a better institutional review process of press releases. Rick followed up with a letter to President Ray regarding this issue.

Action Item

Hal followed up with President Ray on the response.

V. **CoF Computing and Web Update** – Kathy Howell

Kathy Howell will be giving quarterly updates to the FEC on computing issues. Kathy provided copies of notes about a number of issues: i.e. proliferation of machine numbers and users, computing support for research infrastructure issues, growth of disk space and growing demands, an overview of the Forestry Computing Resources (FCR), and parameters for CoF Web Services for 2012. Kathy reminded FEC that new faculty should contact the FRC if they have any computing needs. The library is hiring a new position for helping PIs write data plans for grants. Kathy also raised her concerns about the implementation of the Sasquatch analysis and the

prioritizing decision mechanism that will need to be in place in order for the FCR to complete current projects and take on new projects. Kathy asked to be included in future conversations on the Sasquatch analysis.

Action Items

FEC recommended that FCR works on a contingency plan to staff up and creates a timeline for completion of the Sasquatch recommendations. Eric will ensure that Kathy gets included in future meeting with Sasquatch.

VI. Internationalizing of the College – Ed Jensen and Jim Johnson

Jim Johnson let FEC know that the Chinese delegation visit from SW Forestry College scheduled for July was cancelled.

FEC ran out of time for addressing this topic and postponed this agenda item for the next FEC meeting, June 15.

VII. Dean's Search Agenda and Roles – Paul Doescher

The candidates' final schedules were posted on the CoF Dean's Search page. The FEC discussed the interview process and schedule. FEC prepared some key questions to ask to each candidate.

Action Items

Steve Tesch will finalize the list of questions and will get them out to the committee. Steve will send the draft strategic thoughts on the future of the College of Forestry along with a message to the faculty and staff on how to engage in the process. The June 13 joint faculty meeting info will be included in the message.

VIII. Other Topics

- **Daily Barometer for Commencement Edition 2012**

FEC agreed to purchase a 1/4 page ad. The text will read: Congratulations Class 2012 and include CoF logo and Sustaining Forests – Enhancing Live slogan.

- **Cayuse Training Reminder and Faculty Professional Profile Info Due June 1**

- **Promotion and Tenure Committees and Schedule**

Two members of the College P&T Committee, Kevin Boston and John Simonsen will be rotating off. Steve Tesch attended the Promotion and Tenure forum. There were no major changes. Steve shared his notes on collegiality efforts, conflict of interests issues, clarifying tech transfer as scholarship, evidence of distinction, listing of failed proposals as a measure of productivity, collaborative awards, and evidence of teaching effectiveness and measurements.

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- **FEC Member-at-Large Nominations Due June 13**

Marv Pyles' appointment will end on June 31. The Dean sent a call for nominations last week to all tenured faculty to seek for one member at

large. Currently, Randy Rosenberger and Eric Hansen are the two standing members at large. Their terms will end on June 31, 2013.

Decision

The FEC decided to have three members at large on the FEC going forward permanently and representation from each department.

Action Item

FEC will fill Marv's seat with a FERM faculty nomination.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Nathalie Gitt

Roll Call

Members Present:

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

Guests: Zak Hansen

Meeting Handouts:

- 1) 06-01-12 FEC Meeting Agenda – Steve Tesch
- 2) 05-18-12 FEC Meeting Draft Minutes – Steve Tesch
- 3) 06-01-12 FEC Action Items List – Nathalie Gitt
- 4) Forestry Computing Resources Notes/Overview and Parameters for CoF Web Services for 2012 - Kathy Howell
- 5) Internationalization UG Education Program of CoF - Ed Jensen
- 6) OSU Barometer Commencement 2012 Add – Nathalie Gitt