

Forestry Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 10, 2011
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Richardson Hall 115

Meeting facilitated by Steve Tesch

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

Members absent: Roger Admiral, Jim Johnson, and Jeff McDonnell

Guests: Zak Hansen, Dave Hibbs, Steve Fitzgerald, Barbara Lachenbruch

Meeting Handouts:

- 1) 06-10-11 FEC Meeting Agenda – Steve Tesch
- 2) 05-26-11 FEC Meeting Draft Minutes – Steve Tesch
- 3) 05-26-11 Action Items Tracking List – Steve Tesch
- 4) 2010/11 P&T Observations and Recommendations Memo – Steve Fitzgerald

I. Announcements

The June 23 FEC meeting was cancelled to allow everyone to attend the H.J. Andrews Day.

The Research Office is trying to schedule a couple test days in June to use the Cayuse online submission system. They asked for faculty help with any NSF and USDA or NIH proposals that are ready for submission.

II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

The minutes from the May 26 FEC meeting were approved.

III. Update and Conversation with the Dean

- Reduction in the Harvest Tax and FRL Budget
Hal gave an update about the work session with the Ways and Means on the harvest tax and the FRL budget and cuts. The rate will be .87 cents per thousand.
- Wood Utilization Research Funding
Hal gave an update on the 2012 Federal budgeting process.

- Capital Campaign Update:
The College is very close to meet its capital campaign goal. Zak is working on several gift agreements:
 - 1) Naming the Dean's position gift
 - 2) OWIC Director's position gift
 - 3) Maybelle Clark McDonald gift - to feature teaching excellence
 - 4) Giustina professorship – progress toward upgrade to Chair
- OSU Foundation Restructuring
There will be lead development officers in place for each division/signature area of the strategic plan. Todd Bastian will be the lead officer for the College of Forestry and the College of Ag, possibly for the Earth Science Systems Division. He will be working with Zak Hansen. Todd will be joining the Board of Visitors meeting in Astoria to meet the members. FEC discussed how the Departments and Department Heads can create a closer linkage with Zak and Todd and provide impactful stories to present to prospective and existing donors. Paul Doescher raised the issue of the shortage of teaching faculty for foundational classes. **FEC would like to have further discussion with OSU Foundation to address the need for support in this area.**
- College Level Strategic Hiring
Thomas Maness and Hal will be meeting today to discuss FERM's strategic hiring proposal. **Hal would like to see similar proposals from FES and WSE to engage in a College level dialogue on strategic hiring.**

IV. P&T Debrief

Steve Fitzgerald served as the Chair of the CoF 2010-11 P&T Committee. Steve came to share his observations and presented the committee's recommendations for improving the process for next year. Steve distributed a copy of the Committee's recommendations at the meeting and will send an electronic copy to Nathalie Gitt.

V. UBC Review Debrief

Barbara Lachenbruch was part of a review team for the Dept. of Wood Science in the Faculty of Forestry at UBC, called at the request of the Provost and Dean. She was invited to share her findings. Barbara described the undergraduate curricula, the size of the T/T faculty, enrollment growth due to the Chinese applicants coming from 2+2 program, the orientation program for these students. She was impressed by the diversity of the students. She described their departments' structure (Conservation, Forest Science and Management, and Wood Science). The department had 'research groups' that function pretty autonomously. Only 5-10% of the undergrads in the

major were female. The department has some very productive world-class scientists on staff. Aboriginal engagement was quite important to the university. They have a very-well equipped Center for Advanced Wood Processing. It was run in part on an endowment. The operating mode was that new grants would bring in the funds for maintenance. However, with the economic problems and shrinking endowment, grantsmanship has been needed just to keep from losing staff.

VI. Other Topics

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

Based on the information that the Dean's office gathered, it appears that Richard Meganck is officially a graduate of the College of Education. FEC discussed others names: Dennis Dykstra, FE UG, international forestry expert, Kent Connaughton, MS FM, current R-6 Regional Forester, Forest Economist, and Bill Lange, PhD FM, Director of and Team Leader for Policy Analysis for the U.S Forest Service in Washington D.C.

Action Item

Hal will contact Bill Lange to see if he will be able to come to Corvallis to accept this award on November 4. Hal suggested that Bill Lange give a seminar on the impacts of U. S. Federal forest policies on global conservation of forests.

Dennis Dykstra will be the second choice.

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