

College of Forestry Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, July 26, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Richardson Hall 107

MEETING NOTES

Attending: Paul Doescher, Kathy Howell, Geoff Huntington, Jim Johnson, Thomas Maness, Claire Montgomery, Ann Mary Quarandillo, Randy Rosenberger, Laurie Schimleck, Steve Tesch

Absences: Jo Albers, John Bliss, Robin, Zak Hansen

Guests: Todd Bastian, Hailey Buckingham, Steve Pilkerton, Shan Sutton, Max Taylor

Notes from Nathalie Gitt

Agenda Review and Suggestions – Thomas Maness

- Randy Rosenberger – Brief Updates on teaching policy and the scheduler and CAT I and II searches
- Safety Committee – Thomas Maness
- Update on Computing Committee Meeting and Grad Students Support – Kathy Howell
- SFRA Update – Paul Doescher

Updates and Conversation with the Dean – Thomas Maness

- **Research Institute Ideas**
Thomas reported on the legislative meetings in DC and agencies visits in Portland where he presented updates on the Working Forest Landscapes Institute Initiative.
- **Senior FRAs Promotion Criteria**
[Action Items: The College P&T Committee will be charged to develop a set of criteria for a good quality process that they will bring back to the FEC before evaluating any candidates. Paul Doescher will start the process.]
- **Safety Committee**
[Action Items: Thomas asked for a review of the College safety procedure and expectations for the make-up of the committee. The letter of charge needs to be updated. Department Heads will nominate additional members on the Safety Committee.]
FEC discussed the training of grad students and undergraduate students who work in the labs.

Presentation and Discussion on Potential for a Jointly Produced and Hosted Journal of Student Research

– Shan Sutton, Associate University Librarian for Research & Scholarly Communication and Steve Tesch led a discussion on a potential joint project between COF and the University Library. The FEC was in support of the concept for undergraduate and graduate students engagement with journal publishing.

[Action items: Department Heads will identify three faculty members to work with graduate students. Randy Rosenberger will lead this initiative. Shan, Randy, John Bliss, and Steve Tesch will have a follow-up meeting. Randy Rosenberger will report back to FEC.]

Research Focus Areas – Steve Tesch led a discussion on input received to date and seek additional input regarding the establishment of research focus areas/institute at the College of Forestry in preparation for determining a final structure by October 2013. A copy of the proposal was distributed at the meeting.

Strategy 10 of the COF Priorities states: *“Transform the organization and operation of the Forestry Research Laboratory into an International Center of Excellence. Define and create research institutes targeting Forest Sector Competitiveness, Ecosystem Sciences, Planted-Forest Silviculture, and Healthy Working Forests.”*

This hour long discussion was intended to provide further context and opportunity for give and take regarding the framing of key research areas.

Next steps: More discussion will take place at the FEC retreat on August 12 and at the Fall All-College Meeting on October 11.

Steve Tesch will send his PPT to the FEC.

Geoff reminded the FEC to prep for the discussion on the College positioning statement structure and tactics and reach closure on the themes. The statement will go back to the Departments for refinement.

Meeting Handouts

- Agenda
- Institute for Working Forest Landscapes July 2013