

Forestry Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 23, 2011
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Richardson Hall 115

Meeting facilitated by Steve Tesch

Members present: Paul Doescher, Eric Hansen, Thomas Maness, Marv Pyles, Steve Tesch, Hal Salwasser

Absences: Roger Admiral, Randy Rosenberger, Ed Jensen

Guests: Zak Hansen, Dave Hibbs

Meeting Handouts:

- 1) 09-23-11 FEC Meeting Agenda – Steve Tesch
- 2) 08-19-11 FEC Meeting Draft Minutes – Steve Tesch
- 3) 09-22-11 FEC Action Items List – Nathalie Gitt
- 4) OSU Fund Balance by Unit – Hal Salwasser
- 5) Fall All College Meeting Final Agenda – Nathalie Gitt
- 6) OSUAA COF Alumni Fellow Itinerary – Angela Haney

I. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

The action item on page 3 under the business plan section was revised. The August 19 minutes were approved.

II. Update and Conversation with the Dean

- **All College Meeting Message**

Hal shared his plan for his all College meeting message. He will describe the major elements of the College business plan, the work that needs to be done while he is on board, and answer any questions regarding his personal plans that he officially announced. The committee reviewed the meeting agenda for their preparation.

- **Fund Balances**

Hal distributed a summary table of the OSU fund balances by unit. This is the last year that the College will be allowed to carry more than 10% in fund balances. Departments will need to be creative to spend the funds -- they will lose the fund balances if not spent. Department Heads had some questions for Roger Admiral regarding each of their account.

Action Item

This item will be added back for further discussion with Roger Admiral at the next FEC meeting. Roger Admiral and the office managers will need to meet to develop a strategy on how to mandate this request.

- **Provost's Initiative**

The College of Forestry got two more positions from the second round of Provost's Initiative. Both positions will go to the FERM Department.

Action Item

FERM will need to put together search committees for these positions. Hal would like to see two external members on the search committee, one external to the University (FRL AC or BoV member) and one external inside the University (e.g. Civil Engineering faculty).

There will be additional support for more faculty hires through the University Excellence Initiative. There will be teams of 7-10 faculty who will be formed to develop proposals within five thematic areas. Hal, Sherm Bloomer, and Ron Adams will be leading the proposed initiative on materials and device innovation. John Simonsen and Kaichang Li will join this committee. Hal will put forward the following names: Matt Betts, Michael Wing, and Temesgen Hailemariam for the Geospatial Intelligence and planning team and Steve Strauss, Barbara Lachenbruch for the Biological Information and Genomics team.

- **College Strategic Planning**

FEC had their second strategic planning meeting with Steve Shields, an outside consultant, who works with OSU units. His focus is strategy development, execution and organization alignment and collaborations. The FEC members will meet with Steve every two weeks in fall term during the FEC meeting time. The FEC meetings schedule will be adjusted.

- **Industry Leaders Meeting Update**

Hal met with the industry leaders this week. They have sent signals that they are willing to help build a more solid business model for the College and the FRL. Current plans include discussion about the College and Industry to craft a proposal to increase the harvest tax to generate money that will be matched by OSU to rebalance the appropriation process. Hal described the various decision making models that are currently being discussed. On September 29, the industry leaders will be meeting with the OUS leaders at Educators' Day where they will have an opportunity to discuss this topic openly with President Ray and lay out their thinking.

Hal will speak at the OFIC Board of Directors Annual meeting in October about the future of the College. This will be an extension of Educators' Day conversation.

- **Strategic Investment in OSU Public Service Programs**

Hal is chairing a team of Deans to draft a proposal for the Provost to invest \$2M/year recurring. Hal will send a copy of the charge to FEC. Hal described the five goals.

III. Office of Commercialization and Corporate Development (OCCD)

Dan Whitaker was hired six month ago to help with startups. Dan gave an update on the changes at the OCCD previously named the Tech Transfer office and gave an overview of the new invention disclosure system. The OCCD is focused to help OSU create startups and increase industry sponsored research. Government related business will stay with OSP. Dennis Sather will continue his role with the College of Forestry. OCCD is looking for the contact information of industry people that would be good at reviewing invention disclosures for the College of Forestry. For each area of knowledge, they are looking for a few internal people from the college and few people external to the college. This is a great opportunity to form a closer relationship with external companies that might be interested in the IP being created at OSU.

Action Item

Dan asked for feedback on changes related to process and procedure for industry contracts. Forms were distributed at the meeting. Department Heads will get in touch with Dan regarding forestry invention disclosure.

IV. Other Topics

- **FES and WSE DHs Search Updates**

The closing date for the FES DH candidate applications submission deadline is October 26. There are 5 applicants so far. Jim Johnson is chairing the search.

There are 4 candidates being interviewed for the WSE DH position. Thomas Maness is chairing this search. The candidates' seminars will be recorded.

- **College Forests Director Search Update**

Steve Tesch will chair the search committee for the College Forests Director's position. This will be a regional search. The search committee members are Chris Jackson, Loren Kellogg, John Bailey, Irene Pilgrim, and tentatively Brad Withrow-Robinson. The position is expected to be filled by mid-December.

- **Update on Forest Engineering and Operations Management Summit**

Marv Pyles presented his comments regarding the concerns about the future of the profession and the role of Forest Engineering and Operations Management education. The geographical scope of this summit was the Western U.S.

- **OSUAA Alumni Fellow Award**

The FERM Department is hosting the visit of Dr. Lange, College of Forestry Alumni Fellow award recipient. Angela Haney is assisting with the development of an itinerary for the alumni fellow. This is a college event and department heads will encourage broad participation across units.

- **Provost's Distinguished Graduate Fellowships and Scholarships for 2012-13** –

Nomination Deadline: February 6, 2012

Department Heads discussed the pushback from faculty with recruiting top graduate students.

Action Item

Department Heads will frame an agenda item for further discussion on this issue.

- **Request of Waiver of Indirect Cost by Faculty – Grants Contracts**

FEC discussed the conditions for requests of waiver of indirect costs by faculty.

Decision

(1) Consider incentives for people to put their salary on grant (2) develop a set of principles that everybody will follow; (3) needs to be a college and departmental level benefit kicking in. Current policy is for departments to cover the lost indirect cost resulting from waiver agreement that are triggered by faculty putting their salary on grants. The basis for this policy is that currently the faculty salary saving accrue to departments for faculty supported by essential budget. Additional discussions are required if the request for waiver involves other considerations.

- **Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program Nomination Form – 2012**

This is a national competitive process. WSE and FES received one nomination. FEC discussed the process for putting these nominations forward.

Action Item

Thomas Maness will send a note to students for full consideration. Steve Tesch will get clarification on the process with Brenda McComb. Conversation with Dean McComb determined that all applications can be forwarded to her for submission. There is no limit on the number of applicants from the CoF, so no CoF selection process is required.

- **Visit from Rick Strachan and Allan Foutch**

The donor visit is scheduled for Friday, September 30, in the morning. Thomas Maness will coordinate a schedule of activities with the Dean, faculty, and students to participate.

Minutes were prepared by Nathalie Gitt and revised by Steve Tesch.