

Forestry Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 21, 2011

The regular bi-weekly meeting of the Forestry Executive Committee called to order by Steve Tesch at 10:45 a.m. on Friday, October 21, 2011 in Richardson Hall Room 115.

1) Updates and Conversation with the Dean

- Conversation with the industry leaders about potential Harvest Tax increase to help close CoF budget hole continues.
- Provost's supplemental E&G Investment in the SWPS units is still unclear.
- No decision from Provost yet on the cluster hires process.
- Salary increases likely in 2012, more information to come.
- Extension Updates
Jim Johnson gave an update on the Extension regional administrator positions. Ten out twelve positions have been filled. The other two have been opened for an internal search.
- Letter to EPA Ninth Circuit Forest Roads
Hal will not sign the letter based on the feedback from CoF faculty and its inappropriateness.

Action Item:

Thomas Maness will prepare a draft response for Hal to share with the NAUFRP deans about his rationale for not signing.

2) College Willingness to Pay Study

Mark Needham and Randy Rosenberger presented the results of their study called "Public Support, Demand, and Potential Revenue for Recreation at the McDonald-Dunn Forest". All FEC members received a copy of the final report. Based on the results, they presented their recommendations for future planning and management of recreation use at the McDonald Dunn Forest. Their recommendations did not include a mandatory recreation fee.

Decision:

FEC was supportive with moving forward with the recommendations.

3) NOLS Debriefing

Kama Luukinen invited students from the group who participated in the seven-day wilderness backpacking course in the Olympic National Park: Valerie Byxbe, a natural resources student from Jacksonville Florida, and Chris Gustafson, a recreation student from Astoria. The students introduced themselves and described what they had learned from this experience. This course was made possible by the financial support from the Board of Visitors in the partnership with the National Outdoor Leadership School.

Decision:

The students and faculty will be invited to meet the Board of Visitors at the November

29 meeting.

4) FES Department Head Search

Based on a variety of issues and concerns expressed about Hal's announcement of his intent to retire from the dean position, FEC discussed the pros and cons of a temporary suspension of the search. Jim Johnson updated the FEC on the FES Department Head search. So far the committee received nine applications. The application deadline was Tuesday, October 25.

Action Item

Hal will make a decision to suspend or proceed with the search after hearing the feedback from the FES faculty, staff, and graduate students.

5) CoF Committee Appointments to Fill

The College has vacancies on two committees and is looking to fill a Chair position on the Diversity and Social Justice Committee and a forestry seat on the Graduate Council committee. Submit your ideas for names to the Dean.

No decisions have been made.

6) Administrative Support Position

The Student Services office requested approval to create, recruit, and fill a half-time administrative program assistant classified position.

Action Item

Ed Jensen will route the proposal to FEC by email for feedback and approval.

7) FRL AC Group Conversation Facilitators

Action Item

Department Heads will suggest some names to Nathalie Gitt.

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, Hal Salwasser, Steve Tesch

Guests Present:

Valerie Byxbe, Chris Gustafson, Dave Hibbs, Chris Jackson, Kama Luukinen, Dave Lysne, John Mann, Mark Needham, Jeff Wimer

Meeting Handouts:

- 1) 10-21-11 FEC Meeting Agenda – Steve Tesch
- 2) 10-07-11 FEC Meeting Draft Minutes – Steve Tesch

- 3) 10-20-11 FEC Action Items List – Nathalie Gitt
- 4) 2011 Public Support, Demand, and Potential Revenue for Recreation at the McDonald-Dunn Forest Executive Summary