



**Welcome & Updates** – Thomas H. DeLuca

- Welcome to spring term!
- Colleges now allowed to host virtual commencement, more details coming soon.
- Ed Feser is interim Acting President temporarily. Please submit nominations for full-time interim online.

**Safety** – All

- Katy: Safety committee met with Fish & Wildlife to focus on the safety of underserved populations in labs and fieldwork. Will continue the conversation and participate in more trainings.

**TallWood Design Institute** – Iain Macdonald *\*unable to attend*

- Hired Phil Mann as TDI Technical Manager. Phil officially resigned from WSE.

**Computing Resources** – Terralyn Vandetta

- Computer labs PFSC 109 & PFSC 215 are open in-person for student use. Rest of the labs remain on remote access.

**Advising** – Nicole Kent *\*unable to attend*

**Forest Service, PNW Research Station** – Paul Anderson

- Still experiencing leadership turn over. Paul was officially named current station director.
- Failed search for an ED of research as they did not get a strong candidate pool. Will repost shortly so please spread the word.

**WSE Department** – Eric Hansen, Mariapaola Riggio

- Congrats to Seri Robinson on her book “Living with Wood: A Guide for Toymakers, Hobbyists, Crafters, and Parents”
- Fred Kamke won the George Marra award for best article published in 2019
- Rajat Panwar arrives Sept 1.
- Michelle Maller volunteering to laminate vaccine cards.
- Three story project ramping up at Emmerson Lab.

**International Programs** – Michele Justice

- John Bailey & Michele Justice received grant for Russian foresters’ professional program. 65 forestry professionals attending.

**FERM Department** – Jeff Hatten, Kevin Bladon

- Working to determine solution to graduate students experiencing covid caused delays. Very complex issues. But determined to reduce stress and find solutions.

**FES Department** – Troy Hall, Steve Strauss

- Juliet Sutton now coordinates all grad programs.
- There was an approved proposal for an interdisciplinary graduate degree, similar to our sustainable natural resources degree. Working to combine efforts.
- Matt Bett's student had paper selected by a journal as outstanding paper for the year.

**Operations** – Adrienne Wonhof

- Everyone in higher ed is now eligible for a covid vaccine. OSU guidance has not changed yet, even with vaccinations.
- RH & Peavy open every day except Friday.
- New OSU travel program rolling out June 1. Will send out more info as it comes available.

**Research Office** – Katy Kavanagh

- Looking at starting new Macintyre Stennis projects.
- AFRY proposal deadlines coming up. Submit early to avoid bottleneck.

**Graduate Student Council** – Ray Van Court

- Had elections. Kailey Kornhauser will be taking over. Ray staying on the council as the justice, equity and inclusion chair.
- Mentored employment opportunities available over the summer. April 12 application deadline for graduate students.
- Graduate & UG were paired for mentorship over zoom. 17 pairs total. This is the first year, but so far, it's a success.
- Focusing on community building events.

**Research Forests** – Brent Klumph for Steve Fitzgerald

- Continuing to clean up downed trees.
- Carli Morgan finished up planting 102,000 trees.
- We did public tour of 2020 harvest program. This year it will be a virtual tour on website – almost live.

**Research Support Faculty** – Anna Magnuson

- Contact Anna if you're interested in joining the RSF.

**External Engagement** – Michael Collins

- Dam Proud Day April 28, mostly video via email & social.
- Legislative session moving right along, Stateswide Day = 50 constituents 20 legislatures and 20 letters written.
- 60 deposits this year vs 55 this time last year. Seeing increase in Forest Engineering majors and a decrease in TRAL. Less Oregon students applying
- Housing applications are looking good. Scholarship awards are going out soon.

**Outreach and Engagement** – Scott Leavengood

- Educational offerings still going strong as we are making the best of recorded sessions.

**Foundation/Development** – Zak Hansen, Tara Pesterfield

- Working hard on Dam Proud Day. Made challenge gift goal of \$50,000 to inspire others to give.
- Tara was able to secure anonymous gift of 1.5 million for scholarships.

**Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Workgroup** – Michele Justice

- Forum on the April 20 to discuss achievements and developments of last year, but mostly looking forward. More info to come.
- Picture a Scientist film & discussion – April 12 at 3pm.

**Faculty Senate Representatives** – Janean Creighton, McKenzie Huber, Ashley D’Antonio, Michelle Maller

- OSU bacc core reform process co-chaired by McKenzie. Created three templates - will now meet with stakeholders to get feedback. The goal is to refine the three templates to one model that we can all agree on. It’ll be a two-three year process.
- There is a common course number bill that will probably get passed. Will be interesting to see how that affects OSU.
- Faculty had a special session focused on the Husch-Blackwell report. More info here: [https://senate.oregonstate.edu/sites/senate.oregonstate.edu/files/special\\_session\\_motions.pdf](https://senate.oregonstate.edu/sites/senate.oregonstate.edu/files/special_session_motions.pdf)

**Special Projects** – Randy Rosenberger

- Randy working with legal counsel to detail out ESRF governance structure.
- Reach out if you’d like to participate in research or management plan.

**Harvest Operations** – Brent Klumph

See resulted memo from Thomas H. DeLuca

**Presentation: Undergraduate Scholarship Assessment Report**

*Join Randy Rosenberger, Associate Dean of Student Success and Special Projects, as he presents the 2020-2021 UG COF scholarship assessment. Presentation will be followed by a Q&A and feedback session on recommended actions/strategies.*

<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>		
4/1	FEC	Zoom (contact Jen); 9-11am
4/7	DEI Community of Practice	Zoom (contact Adrienne); 11am-12:15pm
4/9-11	Picture a Scientist Virtual Screening	<a href="#">Zoom</a>
4/12	Picture a Scientist Follow-Up Discussion	<a href="#">Zoom</a> ; 3pm
4/14	Provost Lecture: Ibram X. Kendi	<a href="#">Zoom</a> ; 5-6pm
4/14	Monthly Coffee with Tom	Zoom (contact Jen); 9-10am
4/16	WFGRS 2021	<a href="#">Zoom</a>
4/20	COF Annual DEI Forum	<a href="#">Zoom</a> ; 10-11am
5/6	FEC	Zoom (contact Jen); 9-11am
5/12	Monthly Coffee with Tom	Zoom (contact Jen); 9-10am
6/3	FEC	Zoom (contact Jen); 9-11am
6/9	Monthly Coffee with Tom	Zoom (contact Jen); 9-10am



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Stephen Fitzgerald, Director, CoF Research Forests  
Brent Klumph, Forest Manager, CoF Research Forests

FR: Thomas H. DeLuca, Cheryl Ramberg-Ford Allyn C. Ford Dean of the College of Forestry

RE: A Bugs Life Harvest Exemption

This memo is written in response to the proposed timber harvest named “A Bugs Life” which requires an exemption from the 2005 Forest Plan. An exemption has been requested for this 7.5 acre sanitation and restoration harvest to be conducted in the Oak Creek Drainage off Road 770. On a dry ridgetop where drought had greatly reduced the vigor and induced mortality among the conifer trees. This 52 – 60 year old stand now has a number of dead and insect infested conifers and a few remaining oaks. The minimum regeneration age for this stand according to the forest plan is 70 years. Therefore an exemption was requested to harvest predominantly dead and dying trees that are younger than 70 years.

In accordance with the Plan, Brent Klumph presented a proposed exemption to the forest plan to the Forest Executive Committee with four options: 1) No action; 2) Age exemption with just hazard tree removal; 3) Age exemption for four acres; 4) Age and size of stand exemption to harvest 7.5 acres with structural and visual retention (preferred option).

After a brief discussion regarding ecological considerations and justification, the Committee expressed their general support for the preferred option. Retention of the remaining oaks and the few healthy, large Douglas-fir was emphasized in an effort to move the stand to a more open savannah like stand with a combination of oak and Douglas-fir.