



Welcome & Updates – Thomas H. DeLuca

- State Land Board approved OSU to move forward with the Elliott State Research Forest. The Governor asked us to broaden scope of who was engaged throughout OSU. As a result, the research forest advisory committee was restarted.

Safety – All

- If you travel, please quarantine for 14 days.

TallWood Design Institute – Iain Macdonald

- Joern Dettmer handed in resignation, leaving in March. We will move forward with rehiring.
- TSI, FEMA, ODOT and others working with existential harvest (due to recent fires) using mass timber modular housing to replace homes lost in the communities. Looking at federal appropriations through Merkley's office.

Computing Resources – Terralyn Vandetta

- Turned all computers back to remote access through winter term.

Advising – Nicole Kent

- UG academic performance wasn't much different from fall 2019.
- OSU spring modality will be announced next week.
- If you hear from a student that has been diagnosed or exposed to COVID-19, Nicole & Katy need to know. They connect with students to navigate resources.

Forest Service, PNW Research Station – Paul Anderson

- Over the next three months the station is revising their charter. Sets vision for 5-10 years.
- Have a full year's approved budget. Funding is about flat.
- COVID19: facilities in gated phase. Some allowance in building. Visitors need specific permissions.
- Finally getting to the end of HVAC renovation (7-8 million project coming to conclusion) testing certification in Feb.

WSE Department – Eric Hansen, Mariapaola Riggio

- Nothing to report.

International Programs – Michele Justice

- Kendra Sharp has taken a new position. Caine Francis has also resigned.
- We're working with risk management to determine travel safety risks but anticipate being able to run some programs in '21- '22 academic year.

FERM Department –Jeff Hatten

- OSU foundation received commitment for gift to create exchange programs with Alabama A&M.

FES Department – Troy Hall, Steve Strauss

- Tak made it here from Israel.

Operations – Adrienne Wonhof

- Building is locked, except open Tuesdays for a lab. RH key gets you into Peavy.

Research Office – Katy Kavanagh

- A new expense verification tool rolled out, which will be required for all PIs. Encourage all take the trainings. It is a requirement to do this level of verification of expenses.
- IRB program still receiving significant delays – in the process of hiring someone. LTER program was funded with high marks.

Graduate Student Council – Ray Van Court

- About to start anti-racism training for next four weeks thanks to commitment to change funds.

Research Forests – Steve Fitzgerald

- Recreation engagement position was filled and soon to be announced.
- In the process of closing out 2020 budget. Will present to FEC in February.
- Tom kicked off research forest planning committee yesterday. Michael & Fitz are co-chairing the year long process. Blodgett harvest in process and then harvests will be paused.
- Research Forests are still being cleaned up after wind events.

Research Support Faculty – Anna Magnuson

- Worked with professional development committee to put out call for applications. Committee will meet soon to determine awardees. Grateful to college for those funds.

External Engagement – Michael Collins

- UG recruitment applications & admissions: up in forest engineering (55 admits) but down in forestry and natural resources.
- Advertisements have become more expensive so targeting ads. Yield campaigns are starting for admitted students.
- Starker lecture ‘resilience in the face of disturbance’ beginning. Blanket stores live and lecture on Jan 25.

Outreach and Engagement – Jim Johnson

- Completed all fire specialist hiring.
- There is a live fire training event in Dec to get red card since certification is required to get on active fire lands. Continuing education events still going strong.
- Retirement pushed until end of February.

Foundation/Development – Zak Hansen, Tara Pesterfield

- Finished year over 50% of gift \$ goal & tracking well for last 6 months of the year.
- Working on case statement for capital campaign & will be presenting to steering committee later this year.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Workgroup – Michele Justice

- Winter and spring agenda for DEI events almost finalized with a focus on turning information into action. Faculty could attend a curriculum & pedagogy workshop to integrate DEI into classes.
- Creating a DEI space in Peavy/RH knuckle spring term.

Faculty Senate Representatives – Janean Creighton, McKenzie Huber

- Most of Dec meeting was updating faculty senate bylaws. Two new senators – Michelle Maller and Ashley D’Antonio. COF has four total now.
- Use of canvas for all teaching moving forward.
- OSU will be exploring rolling contracts for professional faculty. Will have to update all transfer guides if bill passes to update course numbering.

Special Projects – Randy Rosenberger

- Kick starting a Native American initiative. More info to come.

Discussion

- Katy: Do we need to address the events of yesterday’s capital attack and the view of white supremacy? Are we complicit in our silence?
- Zak: Research COVID vaccine information.

Special Presentation: Who Are Our Undergraduate Students?

Join Nicole Kent, Manager of Advising & Academic Relations, as she helps us to better understand our student population and how they break out across different campuses, majors, demographics, and more, highlighting a handful of current students and the breadth of their experiences and interests.

Ashley D’Antonio, Assistant Professor in FES, will share anonymous data collected as part of COVID-19 pandemic impact research, and how this is playing out among undergraduate students in forestry & natural resources majors.