

College of Forestry Executive Committee

Bi-Weekly Meeting

Friday, April 5, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Richardson Hall 115

MEETING NOTES

Attending: Roger Admiral, Jo Albers, John Bliss, Paul Doescher, Eric Hansen, Zak Hansen, Geoff Huntington, Jim Johnson, Thomas Maness, Claire Montgomery, Robin Rose, Randy Rosenberger, Laurie Schimleck, Steve Tesch

Absent: Kathy Howell

Guests: Hailey Buckingham, Max Taylor, Joe Hulbert, Julie Larson, Andrea Kuchy, Mike Hall

Notes from Nathalie Gitt

Agenda Review and Suggestions for Additional Items – Thomas Maness

- AFRC Annual Meeting Update – Steve Tesch

Updates and Conversation with the Dean – Thomas Maness

- **Update from Dean's Midterm Review with the Provost**
Dean Maness reported on his review meeting with the Provost. The Provost is scheduled to join the May 3rd FEC meeting. The purpose of Sabah's visit is to explain why teaching and education is so important financially to the College of Forestry and discuss the College budget and why faculty should be more involved in teaching. The All-College meeting has been postponed to May 3rd. Sherm Bloomer, Budget and Fiscal Planning Director, will join the All-College meeting to provide perspective on how the COF budget and enrollment looks from the Provost's perspective, and in relation to other Colleges at OSU.
- **WA State Community College Dean's Visits Update**
Dean Maness reported on his visit with the Deans from Grays Harbor and Green River Community Colleges to discuss partnership and development of reciprocal agreements. Other topics discussed were out of state tuition waiver, partial scholarship, and OSU in-kind matches.
[Topics to be presented to next Education Council and Board of Visitors]
- **CoF Campaign Goal Attained**
Dean Maness announced an anonymous gift to the College that put the College to be first to meet its campaign goal campus wide. The official announcement will be coming out soon. Thomas gave an update on upcoming gifts that will be matched by the Provost. Thomas congratulated Zak Hansen for his great efforts in developing relationships with CoF donors.

- **Working Forest Institute (4th institute of the FRL)**
Dean Maness asked the FEC for feedback on the note he sent about the Working Forest Institute and presented his thoughts on the leadership of the institute, discussed the linkage to the starker chair, the opportunity for the K-12 level and extension education, and a learning center.
- **Teaching Policy**
The FEC discussed some fundamental issues that the College is facing. The Department Heads and Associate Deans are currently developing a teaching policy that will be forwarded to the FEC for discussion. The policy will go out to the faculty on May 3 for discussion. Implementation will be mapped out and set for next year's prof reviews, in the Fall.
- **Department Head Search**
Dean Maness reported on his discussion with the Department Heads about the schedule for hiring new department heads. The group decision was to start with the FES Dept. Head search now. Laurie Schimleck will be chairing the FES search committee. The interviews are scheduled for the Fall.
The FERM Dept. Head search will start in January. Dean Maness discussed recruitment to get outstanding candidates for the FES Department Head position. He welcomed any comments/or ideas from faculty.

Debrief on Taiwan Trip – John Bliss and Thomas Maness reported on their impressions and opportunities for collaboration with contacts made on their recent trip to the National Taiwan University (NTU). John discussed the benefits for CoF/NTU students and faculty exchange opportunities that will contribute the University Asia strategy. John Bliss and Chris Knowles are working on a three-week modular course in the fall in partnership with NTU.

College Advisory Councils – Re-setting Existing Expectations – Geoff Huntington will route the draft structure for the existing and potential advisory councils to the College based on the input received at a prior special topics meeting of the FEC and will seek comments and ideas for finalizing the roles, functions, and membership of future councils. There will be a follow-up discussion scheduled at the next FEC meeting on how to create the opportunity for a broader set of stakeholders to bring input and engagement for the College without duplicating functions.

Faculty Awards Solicitation – Thomas Maness reminded the FEC of the opportunity for Faculty recognition. The list of awards was distributed at the meeting. Nomination packets are due on April 25.

FEC Special Topic Discussion: What Are Healthy Landscapes, and How do We Promote Them? – Dick Waring featured some of his work looking at future risks associated with Climate change and forest health. Paul led a discussion on vulnerability and adaption capacity in the context of planning for an uncertain future.

Meeting Handouts

- 1) FEC Agenda
- 2) Faculty Award Solicitation from Vickie Nunnemaker, March 22, 2013 Email