

## **College of Forestry Executive Committee**

Bi-Monthly Meeting

Friday, May 3rd<sup>h</sup>, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Richardson Hall 107

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

Guests: Lisa Ganio, Max Taylor, Carol Carlson, Sabah Randhawa

Notes by Jessica Fontaine

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### **Agenda Review and Suggestions for Additional Items-Thomas Maness**

Randy Rosenberger makes announcement about new hire for the Recruitment Manager position. Geoff Huntington gives update on search for the Director of Communications. Offer will be made mid-week.

### **Updates and Conversation with the Dean- Thomas Maness**

Department fund analysis is complete. After three months of detailing the department accounts, we have found one million dollars that will be matched by the college forest funds, giving the college a two million dollar investment. This will be used to achieve the 5 point strategic plan. Talks will take place on how to meet diversity, hiring goals, and improve the overall college. The process also helped to identify improvements that can be made in the accounting system. FEC will spend time figuring out what to do with funds over next 2 FEC meetings.

Oregon SAF meeting: Jim Johnson and Thomas were in attendance. Thomas urges more faculty and leadership to attend next year's conference.

### **Conversation with University Provost- Sabah Randhawa**

Sabah's purpose is to meet with all leadership teams at least once a year. With our All College Meeting coming, now is a good time to visit. The College of Forestry's strategic plan is timely as the University is updating their plan. A challenge for the university will be to go from a regional to international institute. We are competing for land grants in the US and worldwide. Oregon State is attracting faculty from across the globe, as well as students. There are three key focus areas as we move forward.

- 1- The undergraduate experience needs to be taken to a different level. Our growth and success is driven by our undergraduates.
- 2- We need to increase the number of PhD students. Academic faculty should have 1-2 PhD students each. The challenge is how do we grow that number and obtain the balance of research and quality.

- 3- How do we diversify the university and accomplish a mix of international, domestic, and revenue. There will be areas that create more and less revenue and we need to think creatively in opportunities to create revenue.

The bottom line is that we have an obligation to grow the experience for the students at every level. We are training the next generation of faculty and professionals for the world. The hope is that over a 5 year period, things will be different.

Paul Doescher- Idea suggested that maybe it is time to repurpose the three million in provost scholarship money. Other institutions are funding whole program not just the first year.

Sabah: At the end of day it is not about money, it's about attitudes and culture.

#### **Reflections on Sabah's comments-Thomas Maness**

Growth of the college is being driven by need, and we don't have the teaching needs because we aren't turning away students. It is time to think about new collaborations and strategy to create undergraduate enrollment and increase our number of PhD students.

#### **Report out on FRL Advisory Committee Meeting- Steve Tesch**

This was the first meeting under Dean Maness; the goal was to talk about vision of research and moving forward with a new approach. It was a successful, Geoff Huntington facilitated small groups and there was really good discussion about research and leadership going forward. The close out idea was a new conceptual model to focus on social sustainability and that's where the working forest should be placed.

#### **Announcement: COF Commencement Breakfast-Randy Rosenberger**

This year's commencement breakfast will be June 15<sup>th</sup> at 8am. This event is for graduating seniors and their families and is free. The University allows students that will graduate Fall 2013 to walk as well and they are welcome to come they are welcome although they didn't get a formal invitation. We need three marshals for commencement.

#### **Handouts-**

Agenda