

## **Forestry Executive Committee Meeting**

Friday, November 8, 2013

Richardson Hall 115

8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

### NOTES

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Attending: Roger Admiral, Jo Albers, John Bliss, Paul Doescher, Lisa Ganio, Zak Hansen, Kathy Howell, Geoff Huntington, Lisa Ganio, Jim Johnson, Brent Klumph, Ann Mary Quarandillo, Claire Montgomery, Jeff Morrell, Robin Rose, Randy Rosenberger, Laurie Schimleck, Steve Tesch

Guests: Ryan Brown, Matt Fehrenbacher, Dave Hibbs, Mark Miller, Steve Pilkerton, Max Taylor, Brad Withrow-Robinson, David Zahler

Notes by Nathalie Gitt

### **Agenda Review and Suggestions for Additional Items**

- **Board of Visitors Meeting Agenda**  
Geoff Huntington gave an update on the Board of Visitors (BoV) meeting agenda scheduled for November 22. The agenda will consist of a one item: a presentation and discussion of the Peavy Hall renovation as a potential BoV cornerstone project initiative.
- **Advanced Wood Processing and Wood Building Supply Chain Summit**  
Geoff Huntington gave an update on the upcoming summit hosted by OSU CoF and U of O School of Architecture and Allied Arts. The summit will bring together the perspective of architects, construction engineers, and forest products specialists (from Woodworks and the Binational Softwood Lumber Council), who have international experience in the design and construction of buildings using advanced wood products as a strategy for opening markets and promoting use of mass timber in nonresidential construction. This a conversation meeting by invitation only. Discussion will focus on issues that are relevant to members of the wood products manufacturing sector who are interested in nonresidential use of cross laminated timber, glu-lam beams, and other engineered wood products.
- **Participation of the College of Forestry Faculty and Staff in College Events Survey**  
Geoff Huntington will send another survey to the FEC to get expectation dealing with this subject. *The committee was asked to prioritize the top 4 events on the list.*

### **Update and Conversation with the Dean**

- **CoF Students Fall Roundtable**  
Thomas reported on his meeting with the SEEDS students and ambassadors that was held on October 28.
- **Educators Day**  
Thomas and the leadership team attended the annual Educators Day meeting on October 30 organized by Larry Giustina. Every year Educators' Day brings together the forest products industry with the presidents of OSU and U of O, the interim state chancellor, Melody Rose, and the dean and department heads of the OSU College of Forestry. The purpose of this meeting

is to allow for frank and open discussion of the issues and challenges affecting higher education and the industry in an informal setting. The Dean presented a state of the college update on the last year and the Institute for Working Forest Landscapes proposal.

- **Weyerhaeuser Pre-game Campus Visit**

OSU Foundation coordinated a College visit for leaders from Weyerhaeuser on Friday, November 1. They met with a group of faculty and students (Weyerhaeuser scholars and LSAMP students) in RH 107. Students had the opportunity to make some presentations.

- **Annual Review with the Provost**

The Dean reported on his annual review and feedback he received from the Provost on the College progress, leadership, teaching policy, budget, the Institute for Working Forest Landscapes proposal.

- **Annual President's Dinner in Portland**

The Dean attended a special evening on November 7 honoring the College of Forestry (Jeff Wimer's program and student Joel Zeni were featured) and Oregon State University's generous supporters. 16 new members were welcomed to the Milton Harris Society included were members from the PAPE Group, Inc. and Triad Machinery, Inc. Their outstanding contributions are having a tremendous impact not only on campus, but around Oregon and beyond. *[Jeff Wimer's Program video from Advancement to be posted on CoF site.]*

## Announcements

- **Science-Policy Workshop: MANAGING EASTSIDE MOIST MIXED-CONIFER FORESTS**

Brett Brownscombe, Natural Resource Advisor to Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber and Thomas Maness are convening this *workshop*. This 2-day Workshop is intended to bring together scientists, technical specialists, forest collaborative and policy-makers to discuss management strategies for eastside moist-mixed conifer forests. **Members from the FEC who are interested in participating are to contact the Dean.** This workshop will be presented by the National Policy Consensus Center and the Hatfield School of Government, Portland State University on December 4 and 5, 2013 at the Wildhorse Resort in Pendleton, Oregon. Sponsors are U.S. Forest Service, Oregon Department of Forestry, The Nature Conservancy, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, Wallowa County, Union County, Boise-Cascade Co.

- **Martin Goebel, Alumni Fellow's Visit**

The Dean noted that the attendance for the Alumni Fellow seminar was very low and it was very embarrassing. **FEC discussed the disengagement of the faculty and will elevate this issue for a College culture change.**

- **Wallowa Visit**

John Bliss reported on the visit that the College hosted with Executive Director of Wallowa Resources and current Board of Forestry Member Nils Christoffersen and members of his staff to explore opportunities for collaborative research, teaching, and outreach. For over a decade Wallowa Resources has been a productive, dependable research, teaching, and outreach partner of the COF. With the College's focus on resilient ecosystems and healthy communities, the College wants to consider

expanding this partnership for mutual benefit.

- **Agroforestry Research in Narobi**

John Bliss informed the FEC about his position against sending students to Kenya due to the current warnings and discussed the need for the College to have a process and policy to deal with warnings. For guidelines and information on University policy, contact the office of Risk Management. ***Students are prevented to proceed with their travel. The College will not fund travel to Kenya.***

- **FES Seminars**

Paul Doescher reminded the FEC about the upcoming FES seminars.

- **Dean's Monthly Notes**

The committee made positive comments on the Dean's monthly notes and found them very helpful.

### **College Forest Report**

Mark Miller from Trout Mountain Forestry presented his findings from the recently completed report on the College Forest. The Dean will develop the new plan for the College Forests when the new Director of the College Forests is on board. ***Recommendations were to develop an inventory and a planning process. Further discussion will be required regarding the next steps. The Dean will invite Mark Miller and Matt Fehrenbacher back, date to be determined.***

### **Dean's Award Procedure and New Award: "Outstanding Student Worker"**

Randy Rosenberger led a discussion on the procedure and process for the 2013 Dean's Award. He distributed a copy of a draft policy he developed in December 2012. The objective of the Dean's Awards is to recognize individuals/teams for their ongoing contributions and efforts. The proposed process will be overseen by the Dean, Associate Deans, and Director of Research who will make sure that the nominations are coming in. The Dean will send the call for nominations. The FEC will ensure that the process is fair. FEC discussed the need for better coordination of University and external CoF awards nominations. The Dean will come up with a process. Kira Hughes and Randy Rosenberger proposed a new Dean's Award for "outstanding student worker". FEC discussed students' eligibility. Further discussion for including the students was needed. ***Randy Rosenberger will bring back this item to the next FEC.***

### **Computing Lab and Support Services**

Kathy Howell gave updates about the anticipating changes in grad lab computing support in two years, the start of the pilots streaming software, the teaching for labs and exploration of virtual seats, the administrative data reporting piece from CORE and the need for all to attend the next meeting, and the upcoming retirements in the Forestry Computing Group.

### **Process Document for Dean's Investment Fund**

Geoff Huntington led a discussion on comments and suggested revisions to the process document circulated to FEC last month. ***Geoff will start publishing some direction for the Graduate,***

***undergraduate, and international programs to launch the proposal requests and will discuss the initial cuts and targets for allocating the funds at the next FEC meeting.***

**Meeting Handout**

Agenda

McDonald-Dunn Forest Scoping Report – Mark Miller

Dean's Award Description – Nathalie Gitt