

## **Forestry Executive Committee Meeting**

Friday, November 22, 2013

Richardson Hall 115

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

### NOTES

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Attending: Thomas Maness, Randy Rosenberger, Roger Admiral, Jo Albers, John Bliss, Paul Doescher, Zak Hansen, Kathy Howell, Roger Admiral, Claire Montgomery, John Bliss, Jim Johnson, Laurie Schimleck, Jeff Morrell, Ann Mary Quarandillo, Steve Fitzgerald, Steve Tesch

Guests: David Hibbs and Michelle Justice

Notes by Nathalie Gitt

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

No additional agenda items

### **Announcements**

- Welcome to Steve Fitzgerald on the Forestry Executive Committee  
Steve was appointed Director of the College Forests and Statewide Silviculture Extension Specialist. He has joined the Forestry Executive Committee.
- Department Head Search  
Laurie Schimleck reported on the process for interviews and reference checks for the five finalists. The schedule of these interviews will be in January.
- Update on Starker Chair  
The announcement of the three finalist candidates is out. The candidates are Tamara Cushing, Gregg Latta, and Nate Anderson.
- Logging Frost Team Competition Last Saturday at Peavy Arboritum  
Forty universities were represented.

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

- Beaver Open House Last Saturday in RH 107  
The event was well attended by students and parents.
- Update on 11/22/13 Summit and Board of Visitors Meeting  
Michael Green will come back to do a College wide update on the Peavy Hall renovation project.
- Release of Senator Wyden's Bill  
The Research Forests will be included in the bill.
- 11/15/13 FRL AC Meeting Update  
Thomas called the FRL AC members prior to the meeting to hear their concerns on the IWFL proposal. The outcome from the FRL AC meeting was that all supported the

proposal. The proposal was sent to Rick Spinrad to get it approved by the Research Council.

- Investment Funds Timeline  
Decision in May
- Update on the Meeting with the USFS PNW Station Leaders
- Update from College Forests  
Highlight from the video with Ryan Brown
- Visit with Interfor CEO in Vancouver BC  
Thomas gave an update on the largest secondary manufacturing company. This was a meeting with Duncan Davies to discuss a partnership with OSU College of Forestry. Duncan was invited to join the Board of Visitors.
- ODF Meeting Update Regarding the Oregon Budget  
Thomas is developing a set of POPS that ODF can support. Faculty are encouraged to reach out to ODF to develop a close relationship. FEC discussed the opportunities with urban forestry and recreation and the need to move forward with the FES recreational degree – community development and public health. (A possible project for an investment fund).
- Wallowa Resources Real Opportunity  
Nils Christoffersen, John Hanson, Mike Jones all came for a day at the College of Forestry. The purpose for their visit was to discuss a new partnership with OSU CoF. John Bliss gave an update to the FEC and will be having further conversation about interaction with them.
- Science Policy Workshop: Managing Eastside Moist Mixed Conifer Forests  
Thomas reported on the approach for the workshop. Brett Brownscombe, Natural Resource Advisor to Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber, and Thomas are the co-chairs. This workshop is presented by the National Policy Consensus Center Hatfield School of Government, Portland State University and to be held on December 4 and 5, 2013.

### **FRL Budget POPS**

Thomas led a discussion of the ongoing process to develop budget option packages for the 2015 legislative session. Thomas distributed a draft copy of the CoF Statewide Funds Pops and discussed the College strategy. This will be an ongoing funding process for new programs. The document included current topics of interest from CoF lobbyists. They are interested in funding deliverables. There will be plenty of time to develop additional ideas in the coming couple months by January. The College is looking for conceptual ideas with details to be sifted by Christmas to prioritize. The goal is come up with a single package for the university for the 2015 session to get it into the governor's budget.

**NRCS Conservation Innovation Grants** – Steve Tesch and Jim Johnson briefed the FEC on the process and opportunities in 2014 for this grant program. There are 2 levels of funding: state and regional. Jim described the regional grant program. He will circulate the 2013 results to the FEC. One of Steve's goals is to make the faculty more aware of these types of funding opportunities. Steve and the FEC brainstormed some ideas for being more pro-active for coordinating these announcements:

- Create a website to cash these opportunities.
- Target individuals to put together proposals and incent and organize teams.
- Get NRCS in Corvallis for a workshop to provide faculty with guidance.
- Include a summary with a short paragraph along with these announcements to point out potentials and opportunities to pass the barrier of what these opportunities represent.
- Provide more leadership not just a FYI.
- Gather suite of targeted opportunities to identify fits.
- Start thinking more broadly of investing to expend our capacity outside of campus. Need to lead and encourage people – Need grant writing assistantship.
- Advance pre-award services – Need to build more relations with conservation.

Steve brought up Jeffrie Husband's retirement and discussed the pool of applicants.

### **New Sustainability Program**

Fox Peterson wanted to reach out to the College of Forestry students to let them know about the program. College of Forestry is aware of this program and will refer students interested to Fox.

### **Meeting Handouts**

Agenda

CoF Statewide Funds Budget POPs – Geoff Huntington

Conservation Innovation Grant Program Fact Sheet – Steve Tesch

Sustainability Program Info – Fox Peterson

Press release