

College of Forestry Executive Committee

Bi-Weekly Meeting

Friday, November 30, 2012, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Richardson Hall 115

MEETING NOTES

Attendance

Roger Admiral, Paul Doescher, Eric Hansen, Zak Hansen, Jim Johnson, Geoff Huntington, Kathy Howell, Thomas Maness, John Mann, Claire Montgomery, Robin Rose, Randy Rosenberger, Laurie Schimleck, and Steve Tesch

Guests: Garrett Meigs, Lee Buckingham, Joseph Hulbert, Julie Larson, Danielle Marias, Beth Munoz, Max Taylor

Agenda Review and Suggestions for Additional Items/Review of Meeting Notes – Steve Tesch

- Geoff Huntington had one item, an update on the Natural Resources cabinet planning meeting that he and the Dean will attend on December 18 and the governor's 10-year plan for Oregon's project.
- Jim Johnson noted the "*no change of policy for RH 107*" in the last meeting notes and asked Roger if the College had a formal policy that will guide the conflicts that are likely to increase.

Steve Tesch welcomed the members of the Graduate Student Council who were at the meeting. Members' self-introduction followed.

Updates and Conversation with the Dean – Thomas Maness

- **Forestry Education Council Update**
The Dean has been working with President Ray and Kristina McNitt, President of the Oregon Forests Industry Council to identify five individuals to appoint as members on the Forestry Education Council: Bond Starker, Larry Giustina, Scott Folk, Rich Wininger, and Allan Foutch. Once they have all have agreed to serve on the Council. A formal letter of appointment will go out to the members the week of December 10. Dean Maness explained how the Council will work and discussed the funding mechanism of the OUS subaccount dedicated to funding investments in professional forestry education. ***The Dean will convene an initial meeting of the Council members in January.***
- **SWPS Strategic Plan**
The Provost's requested a plan to improve the funding for the statewide programs.
Action Required: The FEC will submit thoughts and ideas to the

Dean for inclusion in the plan.

- **Gift from Plum Creek Timber Company**

The Plum Creek leadership team was on campus and had lunch with President Ray on Monday, November 26. They signed a gift agreement to fund a post-doctoral fellow in Watershed Science. This is one of their first gifts to the College. OSU Foundation is working on a University press release. After the lunch the team came for a tour of the College and meet with the key faculty from the three departments. Zak discussed the need for the College to coordinate and frame internally a process for campaign development.

Action Required: The FEC will develop a list of strategic priorities, important things and programs to fundraise for a College brochure that will include mission, goals, and impacts.

Geoff and Zak will work on collecting a list of items to broaden the funding of the College for the future. They will bring back this item to FEC for further discussion.

- **University of British Columbia, November 28**

The Dean, Zak Hansen, Laurie Schimleck, and Lech Muszynski visited University of British Columbia to learn about their wood building & design programs, their cooperatives, and their international wood products processes programs. The goal of the visit was to build some linkages with faculty and develop a partnership with UBC on future activities.

- **Associate Deans Recruitment Update**

Geoff gave an update on the interview and evaluation process for the recruitment of the Associate Dean positions. The Decisions will be made by the week of December 17. The Graduate Student Council discussed their involvement in the interview process for the candidates for the Associate Dean of Graduate and International Programs position and provided their input.

FES School and Undergraduate Program Discussion – Paul Doescher/Randy Rosenberger

Paul informed the FEC of couple ongoing discussions in the FES Department: 1) about three different models of a FES school and 2) a broader base ecosystem/environmental management, community oriented undergraduate major that would represent the diversity that exists within the department. Paul wanted to know if the College, the Dean, and the FEC were behind this effort of continuing these discussions.

Update on the Natural Resources Cabinet Meeting, December 18 – Geoff Huntington

Geoff passed out a copy of the state natural resource agency 10 year plan and explained that he and Thomas will be attending an agency director planning meeting on December 18 where one topic of conversation will be anticipated

priorities and future activities, the potential role for science review and opportunities for coordination.

Geoff asked that the FEC members review the plan (p7-8 and P10 in particular) and provide their thoughts on potential collaborative partnerships/relationships at the next FEC meeting.

Others

- **Dean's Awards Update** – Thomas Maness
Randy Rosenberger drafted a proposal and received feedback from the FEC.
Decision: The Dean and the FEC agreed to move forward with the new proposal.
- **Meet New Graduate Student Council (GSC) Members** – Lee Buckingham
The GSC is currently reorganizing after a large turnover of older members. They are very interested in bridging gaps between FERM, FES, and WSE in as many ways as they can. This year, the graduate research symposium and winter social will be combined across departments. The likely date for their winter social is the first Saturday after classes resume. They would love for faculty and staff to think of ways to be involved (any awards, honors, new hires, etc...). A save-the-date email will be sent along soon. The Graduate Student Council wanted to be communicated with as a group, where possible, instead of by way of single individuals.

Meeting Handout Materials

- 11-30-12 FEC Meeting Agenda
- 11-16-12 FEC Meeting Notes
- Role for Science Review and Opportunities for Coordination 11/15/12 Email announcement – Geoff Huntington
- 10 Year Plan for Oregon Project, April 13 Report – Geoff Huntington
- Dean's Award Nomination Committee Proposal – Randy Rosenberger
- CoF Graduate Student Council Mission and Goals – Garrett Meigs

Notes prepared by Nathalie Gitt.