

**Forestry Executive Committee Meeting
Agenda for Friday, April 18, 2014**

Richardson Hall 115

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

- **Attending:** Geoff Huntington, Claire Montgomery, Rand Rosenberger, Laurie Schimleck, Jim Johnson, John Bliss, Stephen Fitzgerald, Jeff Morrell, Ann Mary Quarandillo, Mike Altimus, Steve Tesch, Lisa Ganio,
- **Absent:** Robin Rose, Roger Admiral, Thomas Maness
- **Guests:** Terina McLaughlin, Tyson Bertone-Riggs, Kira Hughes, Elspeth Gustavson, Brittany Goltry
- **Notes:** Jessica Fontaine

8:00 a.m. **Agenda Review and Suggestions for Additional Items** – *Thomas Maness*

- Thomas gives a welcome and thank you to Lisa Ganio, our new member at large from FES.

8:05 a.m. **Update and Conversation** – *Thomas Maness*

- Discussion regarding the new graduate tuition remission policies. . The University has decided to change tuition remission for graduate students, rather than give tuition remission for all student, we will be given a pool of money for the college, which will make it more difficult to fund students. Some colleges are going to face significant shortfall for helping pay tuition. The formula is based on how many seats we currently have, this is further reason we need to work on increasing enrollment for the college. There is concern that this will hurt when it comes to recruiting students due to limited pool and allocation of funds. We still have FRL money to use for these purposes, but we need a plan and strategy for using them. The hit on CoF will be relatively minor compared to other colleges. The allocating of funds will take place at the departmental level. After decisions are made, Steve Tesch would like to know for funding purposes.
- Forest Pathology position was brought to the group. Should we help fund a .25 position in Ag? This would be the replacement for Everett Hansen, which was a .75 FTE. Members of FEC would like to see a little more teaching and more interaction with the CoF in the new position. It is important to think about what deliverables we want if we put resources into the position. Pathology is a keystone and we can't be a world class program without it. Everett did focus on forest pathology, the concern is that we keep the forest part of the pathology program. Only controlling .25 may not be enough, we should think about building a position within the college. Space and lab is good in Ag and not staying connected with plant pathology is not good for the position either. We need to be

description, the Head Advisor will share co-responsibility with the department head on supervising, hiring, and firing. See handouts for more information on plan and concerns.

9:40 a.m. **Space Allocation Policy Update** – *Randy Rosenberger will provide an update on the circulation of the draft policy for review and comment.*

The space allocation was open for comments on April 7th. Randy received about 20 individual responses that were constructive. Randy has also scheduled open forums, and has had no attendance. The plan will also be discussed at the department meetings. We need to establish a system of how we prioritize space, and who will make the final decisions. We need to be consistent across the board about lab space and office space. A committee may be formed at the college level to help with problems and in making sure that consistency happens.