

Forestry Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 7, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

These minutes are to accurately account for the items discussed. Please contact Nathalie Gitt if you have any questions or observe any discrepancies in the record.

Members Present: Roger Admiral, Michael Collins, Anthony S. Davis, Michelle Day, Steve Fitzgerald, Troy Hall, Eric Hansen, Jeff Hatten, Geoff Huntington, Michele Justice, Jim Johnson, Keith Olsen, Melora Park, Heather Roberts, Randy Rosenberger, Steve Strauss, Terralyn Vandetta, Adrienne Wonhof

Guest: Juliana Ruble

Opening Remarks and Updates from Dean's Office – Anthony S. Davis

- Fire Summit March 1-2 Update
- Provost's Executive Meeting Outcome
The Dean's Office was encouraged to draft a proposal for differential tuition for neighboring states that would lower the cost of out of state tuition for a number of new students.
- Starker Lecture Series opening on Wed. 3/14, 3:30, LaSells – Forest in the Age of Artificial Intelligence
- Dean's Awards & Retiree Reception – Th. 3/15, 2:00-4:00, RH 107
- All College Meeting – Mon. 4/9, 9:00, MU Ballroom with President Ed Ray
Agenda will be forthcoming
- Mass Timber Conference and Tour of New Peavy Site: Tues. 3/20 @ 150 tourists on location
- LATINX Summit, May 11, 8:00-3:00, Alumni Center Ballroom
- NAUFRP DC Meeting Updates
 - No representations from the Western states at the executive level; Interactions with non-OSU groups (APLU, SAF, etc.) are weighted towards SE/E universities.
Action Item: *Dean's staff to build this capacity back into the College.*
 - Chief Tony Tooke's presentation on the U.S. Forest Service funding.
 - McIntyre-Stennis – Need more effort with marketing to let people know how important it is to Forestry Research.
- Shared Shop Use New Admin Memo - Draft in development will bring to next FEC.

Members provided their briefs regarding pressing issues and updates in their area/unit.

Safety Update – All

Members will bring back any issues and concerns to the FEC during safety briefing at each meeting.

Outreach and Engagement – Jim Johnson

- Introduction Shannon Murray, new CPE Program Coordinator. Shannon's office is located in Strand Hall 247. She joined the FNR Extension office from Yale University where she served as the Director of Yale Forests. She is working on conference proposals, program development and making connection through 2020.
- Proposals for hosting conferences by OSU:
 - 1) 2020 National Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals (ANREP) Conference in Central Oregon area was accepted. The planning will start in the spring.
 - 2) 2019 North American Agroforestry Conference to be held at OSU.

Foundation Development – Zak Hansen was not able to attend the meeting.

WSE Department – Rakesh Gupta

- Latest member of the friends of RM: Williams Valley Co.
- RM recruiting days were held March 1 and 2: 16 companies met with 25 participating students.
- CEO Grady Mulbery from RFP gave an address to students on March 2.
- Neil Prein of RedBuilt, recipient of the WSE Outstanding Alumnus Award, will be presenting a seminar on March 8, 3:00 PM in RH 107.

FOBC – Roger Admiral

HR process for reappointment – Contact Roger about the extra steps for professional faculty.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Heather Roberts

- Update from last committee meeting
- Report back and sharing info from Navigating Bias Workshop presented by Scott Vignos

International Programs – Michele Justice

- Building a presence and interest on impact related activities to funding resource agencies internationally
- Obstacle multi-year initiatives – Michele was asking if anyone would be interested in participating in the conversation.

- International Masters Degrees – looking for models and develop a plan, maybe a college approach.
- Attended DACA presentation about immigration and deportation.

FERM Department – Jim Johnson, Jeff Hatten

- Pacific Logging Congress coming in Corvallis - Jeff Wimer is the president
- New appointment: Kevin Lyons
- FERM Dept. candidates poll update
- Dept. meeting update - Recommendations for more thorough graduate orientation, survey, and increase diversity.

Computing Resources – Terralyn Vandetta

New technology and lab management update with the upcoming retirement of Jerry Mohr

FES Department – Troy Hall, Steve Strauss

- Juliet Sutton, new Office Specialist 2 will start the week of March 12.
- FES Dept. meeting discussion on participation and recognition of faculty activity in policy development was brought back to the FEC by Steve Strauss.
- Research retreat

Research – Melora Park

- Fish & Wildlife Habitat in Managed Forests Research Program Awardees – On February 6 the Advisory Committee met in close door to listen to six selected proposals. The four projects accepted were from Jim Rivers, Dana Warren, Matt Betts, and Meg Krawchuck.
- Ignite Research Colloquium - Planetary Health: People, Particles and Places presentation: Monday, April 16, 2018, 3:30 – 5. RSVP by April 5th.

Research Support Faculty – Michelle Day, Keith Olsen was not able to attend the meeting.

Professional Development funding – Michelle asked for guideline on how to make the process more effective. Michelle had several ideas to facilitate and will work with the Department Heads.

Forest Service, PNW Research Station – Paul Anderson was not able to join the meeting.

Student Services – Randy Rosenberger

- Restructuring of the unit – Changes will be effective April 1
(Advising apt. change – redistribution of FTE, support activities to Brooke)

- Hi-Hubs - CoF proposals for professional education, improving transfer students experience, supported transfer students program. Randy will represent the College.

Strategic Initiatives – Geoff Huntington

- Mass Timber Program
- Mid-year fiscal report – Geoff will come back on how CoF moves forward
- FSC delay on installation projects, second crane starts on the atrium to stay on schedule, on track to be moving in the building in winter term.
- Drying period and reduce activity in May
- Space discussion
- BOV/IWFL Board meeting in May or June – Faculty engagement to report on the research that was funded.

TallWood Design Institute – Iain Macdonald

- Mass Timber Conference: pre-conference participants will be touring the construction site of the George W. Peavy Forest Science Center, the future home of the OSU College of Forestry. The conference is the largest conference held at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. WSE students will be attending.
- Oregon Wild, NTC protests about FSC
- Next Critical Mass Timber Meetup scheduled May 17 to address Sustainable Forest Management and certification.
- Scientific information - Eric Geyer's work

Marketing and Communications – Michael Collins

- Recruitment and retention – Better metrics and new ways of communicating with students and parents, focus on prospective students but also on current students.
- Diversity plan
- Quarterly meeting on metrics
- Events Reminder

Research Forests – Steve Fitzgerald

- Oak Creek parking restricted – Signage and soft enforcement in place, Steve is working with Benton County Sheriff's deputies to deal with violators. Carpool is preferred. More info will be provided.
- Improvements are also slated for the Lewisburg saddle entrance to Mac Forest. The parking will be expended.
- Blodgett, stumpage sales to get maximum value and to bridge the gap on the building funding. The College will maintain control.

Open Discussion after Updates

Steve Strauss brought a Scientific American [article](#) to the FEC's attention on the need for more of those in academia to widely communicate their knowledge on the issues they face every day. The FEC led a conversation on how to increase recognition for science advocacy.

Should Departments and the College revise promotion and tenure documents to increase recognition for science advocacy (along the lines of Dean's [Admin Memo 31](#))?

Decision: *Department Heads will continue the conversation and work with the faculty.*