

May FES Department meeting notes

May 12 at 1pm in Richardson 313

Attendance:

Matt Betts
Jacob Bukoski
Ashley D'Antonio
Lina DiGregorio
Vernita Ediger
Dusty Gannon
Aaron Groth
Troy Hall
Skuyler Herzog
Ellen Holtmaat
Suhyun Jung
Meg Krawchuk
Misty Magers
Terina McLachlain
Ian Munanura
Mark Needham
Michael Nelson
Rajat Panwar
Ron Reuter
Paul Ries
Amy Riley
Bill Ripple
Stacy Rosenberg
Randy Rosenberger
Mark Schulze
Sharon Shen
Dave Stemper
Steve Strauss
Juliet Sutton
Eli Swanson

1:00PM – 1:20PM Updates and introductions

Amy Riley, update on student financial readiness

- OSU is changing requirements and deadlines for paying tuition bills this fall term. Currently the threshold to hold a balance is \$2200 but this is lowering to \$500. If they

are not on a payment plan or their balance is lower than \$500, they will not be able to enroll in the following term.

- They will also have access to peer financial counseling, and they will be able to see their bill amounts earlier than in the past, now in August.
- This is the same for all students, graduate and undergrad, online and in person.
- Amy is currently trying to gather data on how many of our students this will affect.

Dusty Gannon, COF Statistical Consultant introduction

- Dusty is here to consult with graduate students on their projects. One of his major interests is Bayesian learning. He wants to get a sense of what everyone is doing and the types of data and topics you expect to be using in the near future. We went around attendees for their answers but you can also email him.

Updates, Misty Magers

- Year-end is coming, so check Concur and your credit card expenses soon.

1:20PM – 2:00PM Randy Rosenberger – Moving FES forward

- Merit raises are settled. Everyone who was satisfactory got 2% and then the remainder of the allocated money was distributed on top of that. Each level of performance evaluation had a specific dollar amount for it, in order to distribute it most equitably. This decision was made at the college level and those amounts are equal around the college.
- Ian Munanura has been officially promoted to associate professor with tenure. Congratulate him if you have not already.
- Spousal accommodation hire: German Vargas. We had decided to not actively pursue the accommodation but participate in the Botany search. Botany is interested in a joint appointment between their department and FES. Botany is paying 2/3, provost other 1/3 for first 3 years. At that time, FES would start to pay half his FTE.
- Kevin Bladon will start as new department head as June 16th. Randy Rosenberger will be associate department head for roughly 6 months before a search for a new one will start. Over the summer, he will be meeting with everyone to start planning. He will go on leave from FERM position while he is department head, so it seems likely his P&T home will still be in FERM.
- FES Awards will be held on June 8th at 3pm. Please come to support our students!
- Inclusive syllabus workshop part 2 is next week. Contact Ashley D'Antonio if you missed the first part but would like to attend the 2nd part.
- We will have one more department meeting this school year, on June 7th.