

Forestry Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 7, 2011

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Richardson Hall 115

Meeting facilitated by Steve Tesch

List of Attendees:

Members present: Roger Admiral, Ed Jensen, Jim Johnson, Thomas Maness, Brenda McComb, Jeff McDonnell, Steve Tesch, Hal Salwasser; Tom McLain, and Eric Hansen

Other Attendees: David Hibbs, Fred Kamke, Dave Lysne, Brent Klumph, Chris Jackson, and Carol Carson

Meeting Handouts:

- 1) 12-17-10 FEC Meeting Draft Minutes – Steve Tesch
- 2) 01-05-10 Action Items Tracking List – Steve Tesch
- 3) Roger Beachy's Visit Schedule January 13-14, 2011
- 4) College of Forests Budget -Dave Lysne
- 5) OSU Research Agenda – Fred Kamke
- 6) Internationalizing CoF Students – Tom McLain and Eric Hansen
- 7) Alumni Awards previous recipients
- 8) 2010 Fernhopper program

I. Review Agenda and Status of Past Action Items

- **Partnership with Indian Institution – Jim Johnson**
Use the ATREE MOU to coordinate activities (i.e. Faculty and Student exchange, joint research proposals) – Jim will debrief with Sunil Khanna, Associate Provost for International Programs, about his trip to India.
- **BEE Update [Work in progress]**
Thomas will send a 1-pager proposal to present the Hal and Sonny.

II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Minutes from 12-17-10 FEC meeting were approved.

III. Updates and Conversation with the Dean

- **NIFA Director, Roger Beachy Visit January 13 and 14 - Coordination/Questions**

A copy of Dr. Beachy's visit schedule was distributed at the meeting. Hal went over the schedule to remind FEC of the opportunities for faculty to engage with Dr. Beachy. A seminar will be held on Friday at LaSells Stewart Center. Sonny Ramaswamy is coordinating this visit. FEC discussed issues and most important message from CoF and preparation of materials to hand out to Dr. Beachy.

Action Item:

Tom McLain will prepare materials on WUR and 2012 Farm Bill proposals for Hal to take on Thursday to his meeting.

- **SWPS Units and Legislative Session**

Hal informed FEC about a new budget reduction assignment received from the Provost's office last week. Hal is preparing a narrative on possibilities for addressing a 25% reduction in FRL appropriation, an analysis of subsidy that the College is providing to education delivery that is not covered by E&G, and analyses of comparative costs of education across campus. Hal is scheduled to meet with the Provost and the VP of Finance and Administration for a budget meeting next week.

Action Item:

Steve and Hal to strategize to be ready for Hal's meeting and to take to OUS and legislature.

- **SWPS for 21st Century Land Grant Task Team**
Hal is leading a task team to recommend the SWPS alignment for the future. There will be an opportunity for faculty and stakeholders to be engaged.

Action Items:
Hal will send a copy of the charge and the abstract to FEC after his first meeting next Tuesday.
- **FTE Restructuring**
Waiting for Becky Warner's memo.
- **Strategic Planning Retreat Path Forward Message to College**
Hal will be sending a message to the College about the path forward. The two key points in the message will be that while the College will have to figure out how to go through a budget reduction, it will also simultaneously have to plan for growth and possibly rebranding. Hal discussed College identity and significance of naming. FEC will schedule their next retreat in early February. Hal discussed the format of the retreat, agenda, and having a facilitator. The purpose of the next retreat will be to frame the College path forward discussion and come up with a collective proposal to start an open process with faculty and students engagement.

Action Items:
Schedule FEC's next retreat date early February. Hal will circulate a tentative agenda. Send names of a facilitator to Hal. Suggested names were Don Johnson and Lisa Gaines.
- **President Ray & Provost Randhawa College Annual Visit**
FEC discussed the annual visit and a set of questions that Hal would send to the President and Provost ahead of the meeting, Hal will hold an All College meeting before the visit and after he has sent his path forward message and will also query faculty.

Action Item:
Schedule an All College meeting for next week, Thursday, or Friday. FEC will help with formulating the questions. Send questions to Steve.

- **Conversation with Susan Roper**

Hal met with Susan Roper, Author of the “...” book the last week of December and reported to FEC on his conversation. FEC will need to cycle back on the four frames described in the book during the decision process to address all the various dimensions.

IV. College Forests Budget – Dave Lysne

Dave Lysne and his staff were invited to give FEC an update on the College Forests programs and the 2011 proposed budget. The presentation included history on the net revenue between 2002-10, a comparison of 2010 budget and actual, 2010 highlights recreation/arboretum and timber program, 2011 proposed budget, and future planning. FEC discussed the sale of forest properties, future revenues, and timeline. Copies of Dave’s presentation were distributed at the end of the meeting.

Action Items:

Host SE Asian, Middle Eastern, and INTO students to connect with College Forests. Thomas and Dave will discuss potential pole timber sale.

Decision:

Hal and FEC approved the 2011 proposed program.

V. OSU Research Agenda Update – Fred Kamke

Fred Kamke distributed the final draft of the Phase I of the OSU Research Agenda to the FEC. FEC reviewed the draft for discussion.

Fred suggested that remaining comments should be submitted directly to Rick. The next two phases are going to be very important. Phase II will be going into the research thrusts, defining the research strength at OSU, sponsors, and the solutions/applied knowledge. Brenda asked if the research office discussed improvement of pre-award processing, F&A rates that could be included in Phase III and if they are planning to provide help for faculty.

Action Items:

Phase I Comments are to be sent directly to Rick Spinrad include specific examples of issues.

DHs and Jim to identify research thrusts – will need internal input and external input from collaborators.

Fred suggested that CoF pull a document that includes all the things that are going on in the College to submit the next few weeks to Barb and Fred before their next committee meetings. [An example of the thrust would be

green building materials and green building science, or water resources would be a research thrust. What CoF is currently active in now and in the future? Identify CoF major societal challenges in OR and in the world that our research could contribute to. (Phase II will be looking at challenges and strength).]

DHs will meet to discuss how to put a structure on this request at their next lunch and perhaps meet with Fred and Barb for follow-up.

Wrap-up discussion due by February 1st.

VI. Other Topics

- **WSE Study Abroad Scholarship Proposal – Tom McLain/Eric Hansen**

Eric Hansen and Chris Knowles are offering another study abroad course this year and proposed a set of five scholarships, a total investment of \$7500. These scholarships would provide graduate students the opportunity to participate in an international experience in their field of study. Eric was seeking for possible College funding. FEC discussed and agreed that this proposal would be appropriate to be funded by the Board of Visitors fund.

Decision

Hal approved the proposal.

Action Item:

Thomas and Brenda will discuss with faculty to stimulate other similar proposals.

- **2011 International Year of Forestry Speaker – Hal Salwasser**

Gary and Hal received some great names.

- **Dean's Awards Nominations – Steve Tesch**

Need more nominations.

- **Alumni Awards – Steve Tesch**

FEC discussed nominations for the E.B. Lemon Distinguished Alumni Award, the Jean and C.H. "Scram Graham Leadership Award and the Honorary Alumni Award. Hal is submitting nominations.

Decision

Hal and Steve will work on finalizing the nomination, due January 21.

- **Program for Spring Fernhopper Day, April 30 – Steve Tesch**

Each department will do a presentation. Ed will offer the Trees of OSU Campus Tour. Department Heads to report back at the next FEC meeting.

Draft minutes submitted by Nathalie Gitt and revised by Steve Tesch.

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