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### Welcome & Updates – Thomas H. DeLuca

• Notification was sent to college that the Elliott proposal has been posted to the Elliott website. A huge thank you to all those involved in the process.

### Safety - All

• Safety committee met Nov 30. Will be focusing effort on field safety plans.

## TallWood Design Institute - Iain Macdonald

- Budget out for next biennium. No more budget cuts expected. Will still look for ways to grow funding.
- Will be recording a virtual tour of Emmerson.

## **Computing Resources** – Terralyn Vandetta

- New hire at the helpdesk, Christine See Evans. She will be focused on purchasing & helpdesk support.
- Switched labs back to all remote.
- No walk-up helpdesk Dec 28-31, phones & email only.

### **Advising –** Nicole Kent

- Hosted second virtual career fair, 30 employers & 237 students attended. Also placed 15 undergraduates with faculty mentors in mentorship program.
- Canvas will be required for all courses in winter. Faculty must publish all pages by Jan 1 with at least a syllabus. New covid risk levels could cause shuffling of classroom size. Modality of spring to be decided in January.

## Forest Service, PNW Research Station – Paul Anderson (absent)

# WSE Department - Eric Hansen, Mariapaola Riggio

- WISC recently received funds via APHIS for a post-doc focused on use of stable isotopes for wood identification.
- Patty Vega recent hired as pos-doc to manage the wood-based composites center.
- Gerry recently received funding from the Creosote Council to support a MS student.
- Two new WSE babies!

# **International Programs** – Michele Justice

• Starting to see interest in summer internships. Working with OSU GO on their risk assessment process. Working on increasing externally funded

graduate students oversees. Growing interest from visiting scholars, interns, ect.

### **FERM Department** –Jeff Hatten

- Recently held a FERM graduate student scavenger hunt through canvas. Ask
  Jeff for access if you'd like to see it. 15-20 students participated. Working on
  safely staying engaged.
- Getting close to end of preparation for ABET visit, first week of Feb.

### **FES Department** – Troy Hall, Steve Strauss

Nothing to report

## **Operations** – Adrienne Wonhof

- Congrats to Christina Fierro on new position of Financial Manager.
- Building is locked down, so need keys & card swipe to access.
- Different Oregon counties are at different risk levels. Benton is currently high. Limitations will remain in place.
- Tent will be removed from courtyard due to lack of use.

### **Research Office** – Katy Kavanagh

- Grant received by university to look at P&T inclusivity process.
- Looking for ways to create a risk poll on private research. Katy looking to gauge level of financial losses, speak to Katy if this applies.
- Covid research/travel plans are still underway. If traveling, must quarantine for two weeks afterwards.

### **Graduate Student Council** – Ray Van Court

- Trying to keep grad students engaged. Developed discourse service. Had Halloween pet costume competition. Focusing on new activities next term.
- This Friday is last DEI film festival at 4:30pm.
- Grads are concerned about funding right now.

# **Research Forests** – Steve Fitzgerald

- Winding down activities on research forest. Working on closing out 2020 budget and building 2021 budget. Operate on the calendar year. Anticipate 2020 budget will be on track.
- COF closed on purchasing 80 acres from ODF it was a 4-year process.
- National search for forest recreation & engagement position currently happening. Hope to have someone onboard after the first of the year.

#### **Research Support Faculty** – Anna Magnuson (absent)

#### **External Engagement - Michael Collins**

- Biannual report comes out end of Feb/early March.
- Marketing & Communications DEI lecture event is next month on Monday Jan 5 from 10-11am. Please submit blanket stories per emailed request.
- Next FOCUS theme will be resilience.

## **Outreach and Engagement** – Jim Johnson

- Will continue search for 2 last fire regional specialist positions. It was paused due to the budget, but now cleared. Hope to have positions hired on early 2021.
- Working on Fall 2021 planning.
- Four new extension babies!

## Foundation/Development - Zak Hansen, Tara Pesterfield

- Zak finished up fellowship gift from the Starker family. Zak & Tom recently met with donor to discuss IWFL funding sources.
- FES funding effort for grad student awards underway.
- Alabama A&M and OSU funding partnership is in discussion.
- HJ Andrews had virtual event with 150 people in attendance. Tara will follow-up with those interested in joining the community of donors.
- Annual giving running slightly behind from last year, but still within 3 year normal.

## Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Workgroup - Michele Justice

- Upcoming DEI talk from Nicole Kent on Dec 9.
- DEI workgroup and leadership team have been working together on strategic plan.
- Workshop on including DEI in curriculum coming soon.
- DEI book lending library coming soon.

### Faculty Senate Representatives – Janean Creighton, McKenzie Huber

- Elections are coming up for President-Elect and Interinstitutional Faculty Senate Senator. More info here. Ballots are due Dec 3.
- Recent email from Susan Capalbo explaining tenure clock extensions, and teaching evaluations extended. Eligible tenured track faculty need to request tenure clock extensions.

**Special Projects -** Randy Rosenberger (absent)

#### Elliott State Research Forest State Land Board Presentation

View proposal and meeting materials on the **Elliott website**.