



Forestry Executive Committee

Notes

October 3, 2019

9:00 – 11:00am

Emmerson Lab, Seminar Room

- 9:00 am **Welcome & Updates** – Anthony S. Davis
- See previous emails to college regarding the Mac-Dunn forest. Last public session was held yesterday.
 - Good reasons for optimism this year. Although it's a busy year, we have a lot of great opportunities ahead of us.
 - New folks were introduced, including those in new roles (Michele Justice, new DEI Coordinator; Ray Van Court, new Graduate Council rep; Anna Magnuson, new RSF rep)
- 9:10 am **Safety** – All
- Are there any safety concerns you'd like to bring up?
 - WSE and TDI are working together on ensuring consistent safety practices between the Richardson and Emmerson facilities.
 - Significant number of grad students traveling abroad without travel insurance registration. Please encourage students to register.
 - Cougar incidents on the research forests this summer; please aware of your surroundings.
- 9:15 am **Unit Updates & Pressing Issues**
- Strategic Initiatives** – Geoff Huntington
- Senator Merkeley here for the TDI open house
 - Georgia legislative guests visiting in late October
 - Elliott progressing towards December land board meeting; opportunities for participation in November
 - Peavy moving ahead; furniture is last big piece to be ordered; everything is on schedule
- Student Success** – Randy Rosenberger
- Largest UG class in years, thanks also to communications; 124 new students, up 25% from previous years; about 16 intra-university transfers will be able to enter our college.
 - UG Student Success Steering Committee: give Randy your thoughts on improving student success and he'll take to the committee.
- Forest Service, PNW Research Station** – Paul Anderson

WSE Department – Eric Hansen, Rakesh Gupta

Gerald Presley joins WSE as an Assistant Professor working in the area of biodeterioration. Phillip Mann joins WSE as an instructor in the area of digital design and manufacturing. The Timber Products, Renewable Materials truck will be on hand for the October 12 tailgate – don't miss it!!

International Programs – Michele Justice

- Borneo visitors here currently; reciprocal partnership with them and the Portland Zoo
- Sunbear documentary showing next week after the first deans candidate campus forum
- Elephant conservationist speaking the following week
- Summer programs were incident free! Borneo and Europe were the destinations. Amping up projects in Russia and New Zealand, as well as Per and Chile.
- DEI restructuring will commence after visitors depart!

FERM Department – Jim Johnson (absent), Jeff Hatten (absent)

- Renee Zamora – IUFRO outstanding doctoral dissertation
- FERM BBQ – October 10
- Jim Rivers moved from FES to FERM as associate professor
- Hired Mindy Crandall, Forest Policy, starting in January
- Field School, 62 participants; all participants bonded well

Computing Resources – Terralyn Vandetta

- Central campus is moving ahead with exchange online; one advantage is to get rid of spam!
- Working on computer buys for Peavy
- Digital Measures is continuing to improve, open sessions this fall for faculty

FES Department – Troy Hall, Steve Strauss (absent)

- Faculty involved in high level initiatives, busy year
- Two active searches open, a lot of applications!
- Sharon Shen, visiting professor; interested in a lot of areas
- FES Retreat for strategic direction happening this fall; turnover in faculty is about 50% in last 5 years
- Marine Studies initiative collaboration; natural resource program is a promising partner
- Accelerated master's program is launched; looks promising for increased enrollment
- Focused next on UG TRAL program

FOBC – Roger Admiral

- Anthony noted how important Roger has been to the success of the dean role, and he thanked Roger for his contributions as he is retiring! He will continue on 1039 contract.
- HR reorganization: difficult to know how it's going to work. Hopefully by January a new system will be in place.

- Facilities: game day towing is in effect! \$300 fee... be sure to move your cars and state rigs.

Research Office – Katy Kavanagh (absent - Melora filling in)

- FWHMF call will go out next week; 1-page concepts due November 5
- ARS about to issue award letters
- NIFA is moving from Washington to Kansas City; lost ¾ of workforce, and delays are significant. MacStennis funding should be somewhat stable as leader is staying with agency.
- OSRA new leadership – Irem is VP of Research (interim) and Tuba is associate VP/development/culture change.

Graduate Student Council – Ray Van Court

- Incoming student survey, 50 responses; folks are focused on funding instability, career development, and equity & community building.
- Implicit bias event next week, orientation, happy hours, science communication workshop, and Grad-UG mentorship program.

Research Forests – Steve Fitzgerald (absent)

Research Support Faculty – Anna Magnuson

- Michelle Day left for the Forest Service.
- Actively recruiting RSF to serve on the committee.
- Quarterly lunches – this one is a grant writing workshop
- Professional development fund

Marketing and Communications – Michael Collins

- Recruitment: forestry and TRAL up; advertising for fall 2020 class; pushing the out of state scholarship of \$14,000 for those with qualifying GPA
- Working on the Peavy opening; the donor wall; stories on the building
- Lauren Rennan is on leave until January; need extra lead time
- Tailgate on the 12th at 3pm here in Emmerson
- Ideas needed for great research stories; that's the content focusing on

Outreach and Engagement – Jim Johnson (absent), Carrie Berger

- Filled two positions: Jacob Putney and Dan Stark
- Still need to fill central Oregon position (that Nicole Strong vacated)
- Hosting the NR Professional Conference in Sunriver in 2020 (big deal for us!)
- Fire Program: received funding from statewide legislative process to hire 8 staff. Some will be placed throughout the state (and not in Corvallis). Offering programming throughout the state and nation.

Foundation/Development – Zak Hansen, Ben McLuen

- Transition of leadership at Foundation: Shawn Scoville will replace Mike Goodwin when he retires at end of year.
- Headed into a new campaign. Planned estate giving is a focus right now too.
- Zak has a new title! Sr. Director of Development. Congrats Zak!

- Busy summer; important solicitations out, should hear back in the next couple of terms.
- In process of hiring Assistant Director of Development; candidates to visit soon.

Classified Staff & Professional Faculty Group – Adrienne Wonhof

- Glad to meet up and have opportunities to gather.
- Have workshops in addition to informal time.
- Glad our classified staff resolved contract and hope they feel valued.

Open Discussion after Updates

- **New scholarship program for existing students, too?** Similar level of scholarship has already been happening, but not until spring award letters are made. This process just clears up the communication so that incoming students know they will receive large scholarships up front. It is available for any student from any state (that is out of state).
- Dr. Jackson Katz, October 22, 6:30 LaSells. Focus on men’s violence prevention.

10:00 am **Emmerson Lab and TallWood Design Institute Initiatives** – Iain Macdonald, Evan Schmidt, and Jörn Dettmer
<http://tallwoodinstitute.org/>

10:30 am **Dean Search: strategizing for a positive visit experience** – Anthony S. Davis

11:00 am **Adjourn**

| ACTION ITEM TRACKING | |
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| Continuous | Opportunities for continuing education and engagement on diversity, equity, and inclusion issues |
| Continuous | Professional development opportunities for administrative and leadership positions in the college |

| IMPORTANT DATES | | |
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| 10/8 | Malaysian Delegation BBQ & Film Screening of “Survival of the Sunbears” | Contact Michele or Kerry for details |
| 10/10 | TallWood Design Research Symposium and Emmerson Lab Open House | Emmerson Lab |
| 10/11 | Portland Wholesale Lumber Association Innovation Summit | Richardson Hall |
| 10/12 | Homecoming Tailgater – RSVP here: https://www.forestry.oregonstate.edu/homecoming | 2 hours prior to kickoff |
| 10/30-11/3 | SAF Convention | Louisville, Kentucky |

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| 10/31 | College Halloween Party | 10:00-11:30, RH 2 nd fl. knuckle |
| 11/7 | FEC Meeting | 9:00-11:00, RH 115 |
| 11/11 | Veteran's Day | |
| 11/14 | Career Fair | 10:00-2:00, Alumni Center |
| 11/21 | College Chili Cook-Off | 11:30-1:00, RH 2 nd fl. knuckle |
| 12/10 | State Land Board Meeting (Elliott Forest discussion) | 10:00-12:00, Salem |
| 12/10 | College Holiday Party | Club Cabin, Research Forests |
| 12/12 | FEC Meeting | 9:00-11:00, RH 115 |
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| 5/12 | Grand Opening: Peavy Forest Science Center | afternoon |
| 5/12 | Dean's Dinner & Alumni Awards | evening |