



**Welcome & Updates** – Thomas H. DeLuca

- Elliott DSL meeting this week – we will have proposal Dec 8. Website is updated regularly for more info.
- Board of Visitors Meeting took place on Sept 24 – research presentation by Kevin Lyons.
- Working with faculty on post-fire recovery & research state opportunities.

**Safety** – All

- Working on planning next safety committee after Nov 9. Committee is working on improving field safety protocols. College dodged a bullet from fires.
- Research resumption for a blanket request. Continue meeting outside when possible.

**Tallwood Design Institute** – Iain Macdonald

- TDI received a piece of equipment that was delayed due to COVID.
- Newsletter coming soon.

**Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Workgroup** – Michele Justice

- DEI newsletter coming out soon.
- Launched commitment to change scholarship program – applications due Oct 30.
- Workgroup will begin to meet with leadership this month.

**International Programs** – Michele Justice

- 12 Peruvians sponsored by forest service through INTO. Building forest capacity in Peru.
- Outreach planning shake-up to work with advising staff. Working on developing strategic plan for networking – more structure pipeline of international graduate students into programs. Expecting to see more applications in January.

**Computing Resources** – Terralynn Vendetta

- Hired 3 new technology students.
- Conference rooms in Peavy have schedulers outside doors to use if rooms are available.

**Special Projects** – Randy Rosenberger

- Working on Elliott governance & carbon. Fielding input from external stakeholders. Public involvement sessions coming up. Decoupling sessions being held that we are not participating in.

**Advising** – Nicole Kent

- Fall enrollment looks good – but will not know official numbers until week 4.
- Make sure that canvas pages are published!
- Katy & Nicole are COVID ambassadors / student navigators. Winter modality will be announced next week from Provost Feser. Spring modality will be released early January.

Forest Service, PNW Research Station - Paul Anderson (absent)

WSE Department – Eric Hansen

- WSE & DEI event on Oct 14 featuring women's network members.
- WISC featured in gazette times on Saturday. Just launched new initiative at community college which is part of new recruiting strategy.

FERM Department – Jeff Hatten, Kevin Bladon

- Field school changed location – had to cancel the first two sessions. Working on a remote experience for the other half.
- Working on post fire recovery funding across the college. Working on training staff on red cards. FERM faculty participating in multiple interviews on post fire recovery.

FSE Department – Troy Hall

- Grad orientation was a success.
- Met with Zak & Tara to put together external advisory group for TRAL degree. Good time to do some benchmarking.
- Joined committee on grad transferrable skills on a fluid career path.
- Associate Dean interviews are scheduled for zoom next week.

Operations – Adrienne Wonhof

- College took 7% budget cut, but in good shape for coming year. No other big cuts planned, but still being conservative with hiring freeze & salary cuts.
- Penny Wright position ending at the end of December. Will rehire that position and it will be an internal search. Cathy & Misty will be serving on search committee. Penny leading it.
- Cathy moving into budget dept, while keeping current responsibilities.
- Building open 6am-6pm, monitoring onsite work requests & occupancy to allow more people to come to work. Please enforce safety rules, as necessary. Will put up more signage. Students can receive a mask from Student Services. Tent in courtyard – can be used and reserved on Richardson calendar. Can be used as work or study space as needed.
- Oak Creek will be getting cleaned up to put in more usable shape.
- Peavy art instillation complete on two pieces. Putting more seats and picnic tables in the arboretum.

Research Office – Katy Kavanagh

- 11 million dollars in awards for fiscal year 2020. Amount per program: 5 million in FES, 4 million in FERM, 2 million in WSE and extension had several hundred thousand. Top money awarded from: USFS 3.2 million, NSF 3.1 million, NIFA 600,000, ARS 500,00. Current faculty submitted requests for over 30 million dollars, speaks to productivity of faculty during these difficult times.
- HJ Andrews received a little bit of fire, but no buildings hit, 9,1,2 watersheds had fire (monitored since 1952). More on HJ Andrews webpage. We learned that inventory equipment is critical / field sites needed for insurance purposes. Cool research opportunities will emerge.

Graduate Student Council – Ray Van Court

- Focus is to foster community involvement. Main pushes this term 1) DEI film festival with discussions 2) mentorship between current & new undergrads and grads. Looking at doing more activities fall & winter term.

#### Research Forests – Steve Fitzgerald

- Recreation and Engagement Manager Position is in the hiring process. Hoping to have person onboarded by beginning of next year.
- Winding down on all forest harvest operations. Budget looking good but will know more at the end of month.
- McDonald/Dunn Committee: email will go to committee soon to outline process and expectations.

#### External Engagement – Michael Collins

- Send info to COF this week to share info out with College. That makes sure it gets onto building monitors too.
- Working on videos and virtual tours of Peavy for high schools & international programs and HJ Andrews.
- Provost biennial report in progress.

#### Research Support Faculty – Anna Magnuson

- Working on setting dates for two big fall events. Promotions & tenure process to be more standardized and easier to navigate. Professional development fund to help career goals in the long run.

#### Outreach & Engagement – Jim Johnson

- 4 new regional fire and extension specialists: Amanda Rau, Chris Adlam, Ariel Cowan & Katherine Wollstein. Beginning Oct/Nov.
- Working on a post fire project that will develop a fire map – everything you need to know to get home and recovered from the fire. DEI activity coming this fall.

#### Foundation/Development – Zak Hansen

- Yesterday was close out of first quarter. Were able to close a few gifts with markets looking better. BOV virtual meeting was Sept 24. Met with all 3 dept heads to talk about faculty positions. President Alexander taking interest in college and the donor base.

#### Faculty Senate Representatives – Janean Creighton

- First meeting a week from today. Will have more to report in Nov.

#### **Open Discussion: Institute for Working Forests Landscapes**

- Clark Binkley (IWFL chair) asked for review and for Tom to propose a future strategy plan. IWFL will meet this fall.
- Thomas' original vision was focused on sustainability but what was ultimately published (below) was slightly different. We need interdisciplinary efforts internally across the college and externally. IWFL has funded a range of different projects that were interdisciplinary efforts, but they were one offs with no stable funding and no mechanism for pulling in all college expertise. Good thinking but dots were never full connected across all college (co-ops, programs, extension, ect). We need to seek endowed support, to emphasize sustainability through multiple disciplines & integration through outreach efforts and mission. There is a group with agriculture and health sciences that integrates all activities through a virtual hub – we want to

develop a system that coordinates data sets of individuals through a logic system that identifies synergies and makes the connections. 3 elements review will focus on: funding of research, virtual hub that connects research and individuals that conduct research, and faculty whose lab activity is part of the system web that drives us forward. Zak and Tom looking for foundation support to drive forward research opportunities to allow IWFL to build out conceptual idea of identifying sustainability within and outside of the college. Emphasize resilience and proactive response to emergencies.

- We need to look at carbon in an objective way. We could be a leader in carbon story and research. Carbon needs to be key piece of research. We are in a hiring freeze but would like to look at hiring carbon faculty.
- Can we use IWFL in capital campaign?
- Plan: do review, meet with board, faculty & staff to see if it's even something we want to pursue. It could do a good job reflecting what the college is all about besides just the FRL. We aren't just forest research, so FRL scope isn't enough. Want to make sure it's something we all believe in before we dive in.

