

FES Department Meeting

Wednesday, June 8th at 11am

Attendees:

Dawn Anzinger

Samuel Bell

Matt Betts

Badege Bishaw

Vernita Ediger

Autumn Ellison

Jazmin Gonzales Tovar

Reem Hajjar

Troy Hall

Skuyler Herzog

Takuya Iwamura

Eric Jones

Meg Krawchuk

Leon Liegel

Misty Magers

Ian Munanura

Mark Needham

Michael Nelson

Ron Reuter

Stacy Rosenberg

Emma Sloan

Dave Stemper

Juliet Sutton

Eli Swanson

Dana Warren

Updates and announcements, Troy Hall

- This year's merit raises have been approved by Tom DeLuca and will be processed soon.
- Fiscal year end is approaching. Please submit any travel expenses in Concur, approve any travel that was charged to your grants, and look at your payroll. June payroll will post on June 27th and must be processed by the 30th.
- If you have an classes that involve a class fee, please work with Misty to get it added to the catalog soon.
- MNR advisor payment policy is changing slightly. To reiterate, MNR advisors are given a \$2000 payment when they graduate a student, which is deposited in their SPA account. It cannot be used as salary. The change in policy clarifies that you must be a present OSU employee to be given the payment. If you leave OSU or retire before the student graduates you will not receive the payment.
- Our FES Potluck will be on September 30th. We will send an invitation in July.
- We have several new faculty joining us. Miles Phillips is in extension and is joining the FES department. Our two new hires are also joining us next year. All will need mentor and dossier committees, so requests to serve on those committees will be coming soon.
- The peer review of teaching schedule was sent around a few months ago. Refresh your memory on that schedule and let Troy Hall know if any of the details no longer work for you.
- The Honors college is starting its first online honors degrees with the Natural Resources and Fisheries & Wildlife degrees. Ron Reuter and Stacy Rosenberg are leading the effort to adapt some of our courses. Please let Troy know if you are interested in working on that effort.
- Jacob Bukoski has accepted the offer for the forest carbon position. Troy should be able to announce finalist for the second search soon.

Strategic Planning Update, Michael Nelson

- The preliminary draft strategic plan was revealed in late April and comments were taken through mid-May. The next steps will happen over the summer. An implementation plan will come after the strategic plan, probably in the fall. All documents throughout this process are posted quickly to the college website.

Baccalaureate Core Reform Update, Troy Hall

- The Bacc core reform proposal is being voted on tomorrow, June 9th.
- This reform will affect our NR and TRAL degrees in a few ways, though TRAL is flexible enough that it should be easy to adjust.

- There is a new requirement for a first year career planning class. This can be an additional element to an existing class, or a new class. One thing to think about is how to make a career planning degree component that is still useful to non-traditional students.
- The back core is now going to require 2 instead of 1 difference, power and oppression courses. Currently there is probably no existing course in our degrees that can be adapted to fit this bacc core requirement, though suggestions are welcome. Most likely a new class or two will need to be developed.
- There will be a new category called 'Seeking Solutions.' This will involve a class that students must take outside of their major. There is opportunity there both in creating a NR class that other majors can take, and in sorting through possible other programs' courses for our own students to take.
- The writing requirement is changing, details to come.
- There will be several committees working at the college and department level to decide the details of the implementation of this plan. If any of this work sounds exciting or intriguing to you please reach out to Troy.
- The plan is for AY 22-23 to focus on developing the learning outcomes for these new and modified classes, and for all to be implemented summer 2024.
- We will still need to offer the existing degree requirements for students who start before 2024, so it may be a little chaotic. Some money has been set aside at the university level for the increased teaching demands this may cause.