

Forestry Executive Committee
October 10, 2006, 1:00-4:30 p.m., RH 115
Summary

Committee Members present: Hal Salwasser, Steve Hobbs, Roger Admiral, Claire Montgomery, Barbara Lachenbruch, Steve Tesch, Jack Walstad, Tom McLain, Ed Jensen

Guests: Ellen Deehan, Brad Withrow-Robinson, Jeff DeRoss, Dave Lysne, Mike Newton, Doug Maguire, Susan Morre

1:00 Management Plan Appendices

Ellen Deehan and Team Leaders

Summary: Proposals were presented for funding and/or College Forest staff support of projects related to appendices to the McDonald-Dunn Forest Plan.

Four projects

1. College of Forestry Legacy Oaks Project: Presented by Brad Withrow-Robinson

Principal investigator: Brad Withrow-Robinson

Release selected open-grown oaks that are remnants of historical oak savannas in McDonald-Dunn Forest.

The Objective of the COF Legacy Oak Project is to identify and conserve selected groups and open-grown Oregon white oaks in Donald-Dunn forest through release harvest in 2009, while creating an opportunity for faculty, students, and the public to establish related RTD projects.

2. College of Forestry Native Prairies Project: Presented by Brad Withrow-Robinson

Principal investigator: Brad Withrow-Robinson

Survey, delineation, and protection of the higher quality prairie areas in McDonald-Dunn Forest.

The objective of the COF Native Prairies Project is to identify and conserve remnant prairie areas, focusing first on protecting higher quality areas within McDonald-Dunn Forest through protection from false brome and other invasive vegetation beginning in 2007, while creating an opportunity for faculty, students, and the public to establish related RTD Projects.

3. Theme 1 Fertilization Trials Project: Presented by Doug Mainwaring (for Doug Maguire)

Principal investigator: Doug Maguire

Evaluation of fertilizer applications to Theme 1 clear cuts in OSU McDonald-Dunn Forest.

The objective of the Theme 1 Fertilization Trials Project are: 1) to test tree and stand responses to nutrient additions other than standard nitrogen fertilization at 200lbs/ac; 2) provide a concrete expression of the College of Forestry's support for the Planted Forest Initiative (14 other sites have already been established this fall on industry land in western Oregon and Washington, with cooperators paying \$17,000 per site); 3) build momentum for developing the Planted Forest Initiative into a comprehensive program on intensive silviculture.

4. Maple Competition Project: Presented by Mike Newton

Principal investigators: Mike Newton and Debbie Johnson

A measurement of the impact of big-leaf maple on the growth of Douglas-fir in McDonald-Dunn Forest.

The objective of the Maple Competition Project is to test and measure the impact of big-leaf maple on the growth of Douglas-fir in several locations within Themes 1 and 2 of the McDonald-Dunn Forest over a period of ten years. The study will begin by evaluating the degree to which percent hardwood basal area reduces conifer basal area. In ten years, stands 20-30 years old, with hardwoods treated and untreated, will be re-measured to determine the degree conifers can occupy the space previously occupied by hardwoods so as to approach normal yields by rotation time. This research project will engage faculty, staff, students, and the public, and provide a publishable document that will help calibrate ORGANON to accurately predict growth on stands with hardwoods as a component.

ACTION: The FEC approved each request for funding and CF staff-time. There needs to be a clarification on what constitutes an appendix project consistent with College Forests Plan and what are the criteria? Ellen Deehan will create a draft for Steve Hobbs to review. Steve and Ellen will start working with the teams who don't have specific plans for their appendices developed yet. The Co-Principal Investigator for the Maple Competition Study will be Mike Newton. A new team leader needs to be elected for the Snag Appendix.

2:30 CFAC

Hal Salwasser

Executive Session

The FEC approved the following nominations to the College of Forestry Advisory Council:

Department Office Manager:

Rayetta Beall

Professorial Faculty:

Bruce Shindler

Heidi Albers

Jeff Hino

John Bailey

John Panches

Marv Pyles

Classified Staff:

Deanne Wilcox

FRA:

Carrie Berger

RA:

Kimberley Wallin

Undergraduate Students:

Judd Lehman

Graduate Students:

Hal will seek recommendations from the Graduate Student Council

Professional Faculty:

Susan Sahnou

Service Unit:

Alison Moldenke

2:50 Legislative Strategy

ALL

Summary: The FEC discussed how to convey key messages to the Legislature.

- 1) Ask key legislators to visit OSU to meet with Scott Reed, Thayne Dutson, Kelvin Koong, and Hal a) Hal visits with Key legislators (including new reps/sen.)
Start with constituents - Hal to meet with constituents, OFIC, AOL, OSWA, Defenders of Wildlife, and Nature Conservancy
- 2) Identify key individuals in constituent groups – Hal to visit with them “one-on-one.”
- 3) Identify who we want to testify before the legislature.
- 4) We need to refine the message! Outcomes from investment.
- 6) Action: Steve Hobbs to coordinate (i.e. with other FEC members on draft)
- 6) Bring in faculty members for selected trips to Salem as appropriate.

3:40 Forest Resources Department Head Search

ALL

Summary: The FEC discussed steps needed to initiate the search for a new department head of the Department of Forest Resources. The discussion focused on search committee composition, time line, and recruiting applicants from under represented groups.

- 1) Initiate DH Search Immediately

Discussed pros and cons of doing immediate search.

- 2) Delay the DH Search

Engage a discussion on reconfiguration in alignment with the next legislature budget outcome and revision of the College Strategic Plan.

- 3) Targeted Hire

Discussed pros and cons.

Recommendation to the Dean: A majority of the FEC advised to initiate the search immediately and are in favor of a national search and will also seek advice at the first CFAC meeting. The FEC recommended against a direct hire.

4:00 Other

Steve Hobbs

Homecoming- Nov. 4, 2006

Steve Hobbs told the FEC we will need some faculty/staff to participate in Homecoming to greet alumni. Hal will be at the booth for an hour and a half – He will need to leave to greet some guests at the skybox. George Swanson’s name was mentioned. George knows a lot of alumni and would be a great host for the Homecoming booth.

Other

It was requested that FEC Meeting start at 1:30 pm instead of 1 pm.; agreed.