

## **Forestry Executive Committee**

**February 12, 2007**

**1:30-5:00 p.m.**

**RH 115**

### **Summary**

*"Good leaders make people feel that they're at the very heart of things, not at the periphery. Everyone feels that he or she makes a difference to the success of the organization. When that happens people feel centered and that gives their work meaning." --Warren G. Bennis*

Committee Members Present: Admiral, Jensen, McLain, Hobbs, Salwasser, Walstad, Tesch, Johnson, Adams, Montgomery, Lacey

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION 1:30 – 3:30**

**The FEC discussed the Budget Realignment Report due to the Provost and the process and schedule for making budget decisions.**

#### **3:30 Legislative Strategy**

**Steve Hobbs**

Summary: The FEC discussed strategies for ensuring key members of the legislature are well informed about College and FRL programs.

Steve Hobbs is developing a legislative advisory group to help us target committee members and provide counsel as to what we should be focusing on. The group will include; Howard Sohn, George Brown, and Tony Van Vliet, Steve has also sent a note to Jock Mills to confirm committees and subcommittees that we want to target. What else should we be doing on the Harvest Tax side? Hal believes OFIC and OSWA are interested in supporting an increase because they testified on behalf of Harvest Tax Bill. Hal is personally engaging with directors of both OFIC and OSWA organizations and members of the WFC board. He continues to work closely with Jock Mills and Liz Clark to set up meetings with legislators in Salem and in DC.

The FEC discuss whether there was a meaningful role for others to play in this. If FEC members personally know of people who know key legislators who have large forest sectors in their districts, they should ask them to contact their legislators. Support talking points and make sure we are all saying the same thing. If the College has faculty or staff that have relationships with higher ups in companies that would be willing to help make contacts and use the talking points, this would reinforce what Hal is doing in Salem.

**ACTION:** Steve Hobbs will proceed with setting up the meeting with Howard Sohn, George Brown and Tony Van Vliet to meet with the FEC and compare notes on legislative actions.

Discussion topic

#### 4:00 Key Events Schedule

Steve Hobbs

Summary: The FEC reviewed and discussed the schedule of key events and requirements through June. The timing of Department and Department Head reviews was discussed. The College Annual Report to the Provost is due August 1<sup>st</sup> every year. The Department Reports feed the College Annual Report so must be in to the Dean's Office by July 1<sup>st</sup> in order to provide enough time to create the College Annual Report. Steve Hobbs asked the DHs to be thinking about how to most efficiently integrate the two report processes.

**ACTION:** Rose will contact Gigi Bruce and ask if the same questions or format last year will be used for the Provost's Annual Academic Review as well as the University Faculty 360 degree review process this year.

Discussion  Decision item

#### 4:45 Other

**OSWA** - Jim Johnson attended OSWA's recent board meeting, spending the whole day with them. Extension has been invited to be on their board which is a positive indication of OSWA's interest in partnering with us. They have identified setting an appropriate Harvest Tax rate in support of the College and FRL in this legislative session as a priority for them. They are expecting to have another visit from Hal with a more detailed report about the Harvest Tax.

**ACTION:** Hal will make a follow-up appointment with Mike Barnes right away.

**Retirement incentive discussion** – It is important when discussing potential post-retirement work options with potential retirees that part time appointment proposals be for work that is needed and pertinent to the College in order to be considered.

**BCC Committee** – The Building Community Committee would like to host a finals week “fuel the students” event where the College would provide bagels, coffee and juice on the first Monday of finals week. They would also like to add an event in the spring where the College would host a BBQ in the courtyard during a lunch hour. Lunch for students would be free, staff /faculty would pay a nominal fee. The committee would do most of the leg work and forego catering to minimize costs.

**ACTION:** The FEC agreed that both of these events sounded like a great idea and asked the Committee to put together a budget for the FEC to consider.

## 5:00 Adjourn

### Upcoming Key Dates:

- 2/15 Andrew Miller, Starker Lecture, LaSells, 4:00 pm
- 2/19 All College Meeting, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, RH 107
- 2/20 CFAC, 8:00 – 11:30, RH 115
- 2/27 Next FEC Meeting, 1:30 – 5:00 pm, RH 115
- 3/15 Terri-Lynn Williams-Davidson, LaSells, 4:00 pm
- 4/5 Jerry Franklin Starker Lecture, LaSells, 4:00 pm
- 5/3 Pamela Matson, Starker Lecture, 107 Richardson Hall, 4:00 pm