

**Forestry Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2007
RH 115**

Attendees: Steve Hobbs, Hal Salwasser, Claire Montgomery, Jim Johnson, Darius Adams, Barb Lachenbruch, Roger Admiral, Katherine Morris.

Unable to attend: Tom McLain, Steve Tesch, Ed Jensen, Tom Adams

Visitors: Garret Meigs, Randy Rosenberger, Mark Needham, Chris Jackson

1:30 p.m. Graduate Programs Transition Task Force

Darius Adams presented a draft charter for the Graduate Programs Transition Task Force for FEC discussion and approval (see attached handout). The primary purpose of the Task Force will be to develop solutions to process- and procedure-related issues associated with College reorganization that affect graduate programs and graduate students. There was a general discussion about the types of issues the Task Force would deal with (e.g., changes to web-based information, admission procedures and processes, the Harris Computing Lab among others).

Decision: The FEC approved the charter. It was agreed the Task Force will work through the RIC. Garrett Meigs will work with the Graduate Student Council to identify three representatives to serve on the Task Force. It was further agreed the Task Force will select its own chair from its membership. Darius Adams will finalize the charter based on the FEC discussion.

2:15 Reorganization Abbreviated Category I Proposal Update

Steve Hobbs provided the FEC with an update on recent actions taken by the Faculty Senate Budget and Fiscal Planning Committee and the Curriculum Council on the College reorganization abbreviated category I proposal.

The Budget and Fiscal Planning Committee met April 17. They had not seen the final copy of the proposal so abstained from voting. Steve said he discussed this with the Committee Chair, Frank Bernieri, who indicated it was primarily a procedural issue and not necessarily one related to the substance of the proposal. Steve attended the Curriculum Council meeting and provided an overview of the proposal to the Council. Steve noted that Frank Bernieri was also at the Council meeting and reported why his committee abstained from voting on the proposal. He did agree that the Budget and Fiscal Planning Committee would

reconsider the proposal at their next meeting on May 8 and report back to the Curriculum Council. He did not foresee any problems. In the end the Curriculum Council did not act on the proposal because liaison with the Cascades Campus had not occurred and the Council wanted to see the revised report out of the Budget and Fiscal Planning Committee. Steve told the FEC he had already called Marla Hacker at the Cascades Campus and she had agreed to review the proposal quickly. It is anticipated that all procedural issues will have been resolved in time for the May 8 Budget and Fiscal Planning Committee meeting and the May 9 Curriculum Council meeting. Once the proposal clears the Budget and Fiscal Planning Committee and the Curriculum Council, it will still have to go through the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and followed by the full Faculty Senate on June 12. Hal will attend the June 12 Faculty Senate meeting.

Decision: No decision required; informational

2:45 Recreation Research Proposal

Randy Rosenberger and Mark Needham presented the proposed study “Public Support, Demand, and Potential Revenue for Recreation on the McDonald-Dunn Forest” to the FEC (see attached handout). The proposed work is called for in the McDonald-Dunn Forest Management Plan. The investigators requested \$48,500 over a two year period to complete the work; about \$30,000 in the first year and about \$18,000 in the second year. There are increasing numbers of recreationists using the forest and new ways to fund the forest’s recreation budget or reduce costs while meeting demands, must be found. The point was made by Darius Adams that we lack information fundamental to good management decisions regarding recreation. There was considerable discussion by FEC members, much of it focused on how to finance the needed work. Claire Montgomery reminded the group that it should not violate prior budget decisions by increasing costs to the College.

Decision: The FEC was supportive of the proposal but it must be budget neutral (i.e., funding must be reduced in another area in order to support the proposal). Steve Hobbs and Roger Admiral will report back to the FEC at the May 13 meeting with a proposal to accomplish this.

3:15 Break

3:30 Controversial Forest Issues Seminar Series

Hal Salwasser presented the concept of a new seminar series devoted to controversial issues featuring presenters with different views. This could take the form of a small number of panelists. Various controversial topics were offered as examples of topics that could be discussed. There was no shortage of potential topics. One suggestion was to use one of the Starker Lectures for this; perhaps using a debate format with a moderator.

Decision: The FEC was generally supportive of the concept. There was also agreement that if funding is required it must be from extramural sources. Hal will talk to the Starker Lecture Series Committee and Ed Jensen about the concept.

3:45 FEC Member-At-Large Positions

Steve Hobbs told the FEC that the current term of office for the two FEC members-at-large ends June 30. He provided the FEC with the current protocol used for the nomination process (see attached handout). After some discussion it was agreed the current model has served the College well and should be continued with minor modification. FEC members-at-large will have 0.1 FTE allocated to service and receive a 10% of base salary stipend for serving on the FEC.

Decision: Steve Hobbs will revise the protocol document and initiate the nomination process.

4:30 Other

Department 2007-2008 Annual Reports

Steve Hobbs explained that the College annual report to the Provost is due August 1 as in previous years but the format is likely to change. Last year department annual reports were structured to fit the format of the College annual report to the Provost to simplify the process of developing the College report. This worked well.

Decision: Pending the concurrence of Tom Adams, Steve Tesch, and Tom McLain, department annual reports will be due to the Dean's Office and the editor July 1. Department review meetings with the Dean will be completed by July 15. Once the College knows what changes will be made to the format of the Provost's report, adjustments will be made in the format used for departmental reports. As last year, an editor will develop the College's annual report working with Katherine Morris.

November SAF Convention in Reno

Steve Hobbs brought up the need to make a decision about having both a exhibitor's booth and an alumni reception at the 2008 National SAF Convention in Reno. The cost of the exhibitor would be \$1,200.

Decision: The FEC decided to only hold the alumni reception and forego the exhibitor's booth.

CFAC Update

Hal told the FEC that the CFAC feels there is no need for an outside party to review progress on the Academic Freedom Plan.

5:00 Meeting Adjourned