

**Forestry Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, August 14, 2009**  
**8:30 a.m. – Noon**  
Richardson Hall 115

**Members Present:** Darius Adams, Barbara Bond, Eric Hansen, Ed Jensen, Jim Johnson, Brenda McComb, Tom McLain, Hal Salwasser, and Steve Tesch

**Guests:** Rayetta Beall, Paul Doescher, Dave Lysne, Dave Hibbs, and Clay Torset

**Minutes:** Nathalie Gitt

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**Handout Materials Provided to FEC Members**

1. FEC action items tracking list 8/14/09 – Steve Tesch
2. Fall enrollment 08-09 net change Excel sheet – Clay Torset
3. Courses of concern for 2009-10 – Ed Jensen

**Action Items Follow-up – Steve Tesch**

The committee reviewed the action items tracking list.

- **Sustainable Forest Partnership:**  
Only one person expressed interest in the Sustainable Forest Partnership. Amy Grotta is the new Forestry Educator at the Columbia County Extension Office.  
**Action Item:**  
Jim Johnson will visit with Amy about representing the college to the national SFP group as a tenured/tenure track faculty.
- **P&T Committee Election:**  
New elected committee members are:  
John Simonsen, WSE Department  
Kevin Boston, FERM Department
- **Alumni Fellow's Visit: Public Seminar Titles**  
The homecoming festivities will include the visit of Steve Running as our Alumni Fellow for the year. Barbara Bond and Dick Waring are coordinating a set of activities on Friday, October 30.  
**Action Item:**  
Barbara Bond will provide titles for the seminars for the event advertisement.
- **GSC Student Discussion on Permits and Authorizations for Animal/Plant Research**  
**Action Item:**

The departments will incorporate the information in their advising guides and provide a one-page info at their departmental orientation.

### **Update on OSU and COF Budget & Reorganization Issues & Proposals – Hal Salwasser**

The last Provost's Council and Academic Deans' meetings were held on August 12. There has not been any new information on budget. Hal shared his continued message to Sabah about a need for the University to re-examine the budget allocation process.

Hal has been working on a proposal to pursue an endorsement for a Boone and Crockett Club endowed chair in conservation policy.

Thursday, he visited with the Dean of the College of Ag Science, Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy. Some of the discussion topics included budget issues, statewide assessment, collaboration between Ag and Forestry, and exploration of a blended degree program in wood science and biological engineering. Hal discussed his goals for 2009-10.

He announced several upcoming COF key events:

Educators' Day: October 27

Board of Visitors: Tentative Dates November 9 or 10

Forest Research Lab Advisory Council: Tentative dates December 2, 7, and 8

The committee discussed the scheduling of the Fall All College Meeting (September 25<sup>th</sup>) and the FEC budget retreat (October 20).

The Faculty Consultative Group is meeting on August 24 to consider program elimination and consolidation list proposals from the Provost and his advisory council. Hal expects that the review process by the Provost's Council will be done at the September retreat. Paul Doescher was invited to participate in the conversation about the faculty consultative process and his perceptions about how we proceed to "defend" the RRM, FOM, and WST programs. Paul captured the committee's concerns to address them at his next meeting.

Paul reported on the President's communication plan with University Advancement. There will be some communication to frame the definitive process plan to be made by end of October starting with a possible update message from the President on September 24<sup>th</sup> at University Day and his state of the University address at the next Faculty Senate Meeting scheduled October 8. The joint Provost's Council and Cabinet meeting is scheduled on October 21 after the September economic forecast and after the OUS E&G budget allocation has been made to OSU.

Committee discussed the pros and cons of a divisional structure proposal for strategic integration, reconfiguration, and budgetary purposes. Paul Doescher suggested that the

College of Forestry starts engaging in strategic planning discussions with the College of Ag.

**Action Item:**

Send Additional thoughts to Paul before his meeting August 24.

**Faculty in the Classroom – Hal Salwasser**

No decision has been made yet about the process for sharing of faculty across campus as one of the budget management tools.

**Fall Enrollment Update and Looming Issues – Clay Torset**

The committee reviewed the degree programs/campus spreadsheet that compared Fall 08 to Fall 09 enrollment. The spreadsheet detailed the change for degree-seeking, Corvallis campus students. Clay presented his perspectives about enrollment for this fall and discussed some of the current and emerging issues. The current trend has been that the Forest Management program is very popular to entering students this year but the Wood Science and Technology program is not having a good year. The NR degree program in Bend will show a slight increase. The NR distance program will continue to see rapid enrollment growth. Regarding course access on the Corvallis campus, the efforts to increase the number of available seats in bottle-neck courses that Marv Pyles and others provided this spring is making a difference in providing greater course access for our students. A watch list of emerging potential problem classes was put together and shared at the meeting. Structure of the WIC classes was also discussed.

**Problems:**

- Management of the coordination of class scheduling and capacity,
- And access to classes to avoid an increase of time for students to graduate.

**Possible Solutions:**

- Restrict enrollment in majors,
- Investigate a limited admission upper division professional schools,
- Limit enrollment in the College of Forestry,
- And Create more WIC classes.

**Action Item:**

The committee will investigate the pros and cons of creating a professional school style approach to limiting entry to upper division courses. Hal will include this information in his goals for 2010.

**Blodgett Tract Discussion – Hal Salwasser**

Hal reported on the input Dave Lysne has received from OSU Legal Counsel regarding the disposal of the Blodgett Tract. The purpose of this discussion was to get some feedback from FEC members before moving forward. The committee discussed whether or not selling the property would benefit the College. The Blodgett forest was gifted to the college in 1920 for the purpose of forestry. The property has been used relatively little for teaching or research but has been a revenue generating forest. The property has an estimated value of around \$15-20 million depending on assumptions.

The disposal of a state property is not easy and is an expensive process and might take years. The property belongs to the Board of Higher Education, questions remain about ensuring the COF receives the proceeds from a sale of the property.

**Action Items:**

Blodgett Planning Group needs to meet to gather some numbers before next meeting to validate existing appraisal estimates.

3 Scenarios to evaluate:

- Current regime with the potential for some revenue from the carbon market,
- Sale of property,
- Changing the plan for management to short rotation to industry standard. (Max. PNW)

Use the budget committee for working group.

Report back to FEC to finish internal conversation so that Hal can report back to Sabah.

**Others – Steve Tesch**

**1) Knudson Professorship Update**

Marv Pyles was named Knudson Professor of Forestry. Hal made a college-wide announcement

**Action Item:**

Press release will go out soon.

**2) Hayes Professorship**

An internal search in process. Tentative search committee members: Glenn Murphy (Chair), Dave Hibbs, Temesgen Hailemariam, Lisa Ganio, Nicole strong (back-up), Brad Withrow-Robinson, invite emeritus Bill Emmingham, important to have extension representative. Hal has been in contact with Ned Hays and will keep him informed.

**Action Items:**

Seminars targeted for soon after school starts. Goal for the search to be complete by mid fall term.

**3) Coops Status Report Update**

Steve received inputs from each coop. The current emerging issue is the F&A rates. Tom McLain has a new coop that Jeff Morrell is proposing. The committee discussed the delicate balance between covering research infrastructure costs versus maintaining relationships with the industry.

**Action Item:**

Package coop materials to be shared with FEC.

**4) STEM Recruiting Process**

Ed Jensen was recruited to represent the College in this multi-college and university program.