

**Forestry Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, April 24, 2009**  
**8:30 a.m. – Noon**  
Richardson Hall 115

**Members Present:** Darius Adams, Roger Admiral, Steve Hobbs, Ed Jensen, Jim Johnson, Brenda McComb, Tom McLain, Claire Montgomery, Hal Salwasser, and Steve Tesch

**Members Absent:** Barbara Bond

**Guests:** Kathy Howell, Clay Torset, and Eric Hansen

**Minutes:** Nathalie Gitt

FEC website: <http://www.cof.orst.edu/cof/admin/execom/index.php>

**Handout Materials Provided to FEC Members:**

CHANGE: A Strategic Vision for 2014 Draft Report (Steve Hobbs)  
FRLAC Agenda (Steve Tesch)

**Strategic Plan – Steve Hobbs**

Since the last FEC meeting, the team has incorporated a number of changes to the report. Steve gave an update on the remaining work that needed to be done to finalize the plan. The FEC made some general comments and statements about the report messaging, perception, and functional areas. Several themes were discussed in more depth. The report will be a written plan of the vision for the future of the college.

**Decision:**

The report will be ready to be presented to the College faculty next week and to the FRLAC, on May 5th.

**Action Items:**

Steve will finish the report revisions. Members will send their comments in writing for edits to Steve Hobbs by Monday, April 27, at 5 pm.

The report needs to be emailed to faculty for feedback next week. The Department Heads will schedule meetings for open discussion. Steve Hobbs will organize a meeting for units who are not part of the departments.

## **Legislative and Budget Update – Hal Salwasser**

The committee continued their conversations about the legislative session. There is no new information since the last FEC meeting.

There are currently field hearings being held by the Ways and Means Committee throughout the state. The committee discussed college visibility and representation. An announcement of a new website called “Tough Times in the Woods” will be distributed to members of the legislature today. OSU's Extension Forestry and Natural Resources program has developed this web site to help people working in the forest sector access federal stimulus funds and other opportunities.

### **Decision:**

FEC is waiting to get more direction from the University. The Department Heads should plan for a minimum 10% reduction of essential expenses for next year.

## **Differential Tuition – Roger Admiral**

The FEC discussed another emerging topic of potential for differential tuition for the college's degree programs to be instituted at OSU for 2009-10. Roger gave a brief explanation about the process of rolling resource fees into a tuition base, which then might be supplemented by addition differential tuition by some colleges. The tuition base rate is \$151 for undergraduate student credit hour, but the rate could increase. The State Board of Higher Education will have to approve the tuition increase. This will only apply to undergraduate in-state students. Committee discussed some concerns about the impact that this will have on College of Forestry students.

### **Decision:**

The College of Forestry is considering a \$25 differential fee per credit hour to offset the College higher level of computing services, access to the College Forests, labs facilities, and instrument room equipments.

### **Action Item:**

Roger will craft a proposal. Ed will arrange for a meeting with students to discuss.

## **New Innovative Grants Process – Hal Salwasser**

There is a pool of resources for potential allocation to a new round of innovative grants. Hal shared his thoughts with the committee about how to best allocate this money, eligibility, and leverage criteria.

The committee also discussed the Hopkins endowment. Walt Hopkins taught FOR 111 at OSU in the 1970-s and early 80's. When his widow died, she left a donation to COF that now has grown to about \$165K.

**Suggestions:**

- Some money could be taken off the top to help support things such as the Dean's Awards and possibly some other core functions.
- Remainder would be allocated via a competitive grants program, perhaps with two rounds a year (April/May and December/January)
- Program will be wide open to include teaching, research, and outreach or Extension related proposals.
- Priority will be given to the themes of the College of Forestry revised strategic plan and the initiatives within the policy option package of the Oregon Inc. proposal. A small committee will be designated to screen these proposals before they get presented to the FEC.
- Proposals should include some level of faculty salary (perhaps 0.5 FTE)

**Action Items:**

Additional suggestions need to be emailed to Steve Tesch. Steve and Roger Admiral will draft a proposal and get feedback by the first week of May. Ed Jensen will coordinate a meeting with the department heads and other interested parties to discuss the Hopkins fund.

**Sustainable Forest Partnership: Where to from Here? – Jim Johnson and Ed Jensen**

OSU was originally the founding institution and invited Penn State and Auburn to join to move forward the dialogue about sustaining forest systems. There have been 10 university and 2 affiliate partners involved in this project. Over time, the faculty initially interested in the project have changed jobs or interests have evolved, so it is not clear how the COF should be involved in the future.

**Action Items**

Jim and Ed will draft a plan to invite faculty to express interest in engaging in the program.

**Others****FRLAC Agenda – Ha Salwasser**

Hal went over the agenda with the committee to get their thoughts of the schedule for the day.

**Action Items**

Minor changes on the agenda were suggested on time spent on strategic plan presentation and budget. (Add a concise overview of the status of the budget, a concise representation of the strategic plan, and a discussion about how to use the strategic plan, and how to implement it.)

## **Visit of the Canadian Ambassadors – Steve Tesch**

Luanne Lawrence from University Advancement has invited the College of Ag and Forestry to participate in the visit of the Canadian Ambassador to the US, scheduled on May 21st. She has asked Steve to identify a group of faculty to have lunch with the Ambassador and his team. Committee to suggest some names of forestry faculty who are experts in natural resources and forest trade, and forest health issues:

Committee suggested the following names:

Ron Reuter, Cascade Campus

Tom Maness

Darius Adams

Mark Needham

Temesgen Hailemariam

Dave Shaw

Jeff McDonald

Mark Harmon and Olga Krankina (Climate)

### **Action Items:**

Steve will report back to Luanne and contact the faculty members.

## **Update on the Proposals from Jeffrey Husband**

CSREES is changing their CRIS reports to something called REEports. It appears to have been created for a variety of reasons and incorporates all of the performance and financial reports. It seems to be tied (in part) to Grants.gov (eGrants). EGrants being those proposals submitted via Grants.gov and then awarded but everything else as well (McIntire-Stennis, State, etc.).

The report format is basically the same as before but more detailed. There are a couple of new elements: the first one is that we now will have to submit an **estimated first-year budget** identifying CSRESS, Other Federal and Non-Federal funds. Also, a PI will need to report on the project initiation form (formerly AD-416/417) estimated FTEs for those working on the project including undergraduate, GRAs. CSREES is expected to have it up and running within the next month for everyone to test using it.