

Forestry Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 19, 2009
8:30 a.m. – Noon
Richardson Hall 115

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

Guests: Rayetta Beall, Eric Hansen, David Hibbs

Minutes: Nathalie Gitt

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Handout Materials Provided to FEC Members

OSU Annual Academic Report format for 2008-2009

FEC Action Items Tracking List

The committee reviewed the list. The new nominee for the Alumni Fellow Award is Steve Running. Steve has accepted the nomination and will be on campus on October 29th. Steve Tesch will follow-up on the Sustainable Forest Partnership with an email message. Current discussion with the Research Vice President is underway with confirmation of recruitment of COF faculty for the IWW institute. The FEC retreat has been postponed until September.

Legislative and OSU Budget Update/Strategy – Hal Salwasser

1. Hal reported on the Joint Ways and Means meeting this week. Despite proposed 10% cut from Ways and Means, Provost has requested plans for a 15% budget cut to anticipate potential revenue shortfall in next biennium and failure of revenue measures if referred to voters. Due July 1. COF reductions will likely be greater as a result of impacts of poor log markets on HT. President Ray and Provost are aware of the situation. No move has been made on their part at this point. Budget information should be released from OUS by mid July and OSU by mid August. A two-day Provost's Council retreat is scheduled for the end of September.

Action Item:

Ad hoc budget committee to draft proposal for reductions equaling 15% reduction in FRL funds by June 30 for Hal per the Provost's request. Anticipate additional reductions necessary to meet likely E&G and HT revenue shortfalls.

2. Hal stated his intention to send a message to the Joint Ways and Means Co-Chairs expressing the impacts of the HT shortfall on the COF and reminding them of the hardship the COF will go thru with more cuts.

3. Hal also described ongoing discussions with the OSU ACBSP with respect to COF programs and proposed size-related metrics. WST, FOM, and RRM have been discussed as potential targets for elimination and Hal will have an opportunity to present rationale for continuing these programs to the Council on June 30.

Action Items:

Hal will need some information from the department heads to prep for the June 30 meeting. Schedule time on June 24 at noon.

4. The Board of Visitors' dinner is scheduled this Monday. President Ray is attending. Hal will try to help our College supporters communicate directly to President Ray their expectations to keep the College of Forestry a top tier program.

5. The COF proposal for differential tuition has been rejected by OSU.

6. The mandatory furlough issue for the next biennium has still not been resolved.

7. Harvest tax – Revenue committee will meet next week and is likely to set rate if there is support from OFIC and OSWA.

Action Item:

Hal and Steve are out next Monday – Roger will be attending any hearings in their absence. (Current level of \$.92/ mbf is likely to pass).

COF Budget Committee Update – Steve Tesch

1. The committee discussed looming enrollment management issues. Ed Jensen reported on preparations for an anticipated increase in enrollment this coming academic year. It will require additional classes and labs sections. Some increases in faculty teaching assignments and FTE will be required, and additional GTAs may be required. Teaching expenses are expected to increase. Committee discussed elimination of some COF classes and programs in order to contain costs, but that is a challenge with increasing enrollments.

2. Committee discussed essential expense requests for next fiscal year and agreed to follow process as last year in accordance with new Admin memo.

3. 1039 post retirement and voluntary FTE reduction plans were approved by the university. DHs were encouraged to share information with faculty.

4. The topic about setting up future status of research coops was raised.

Action Items:

Ask coop directors to prepare a one-page report that includes vision for the future, accomplishments, membership status, and financial support. Arrange follow-up meeting with

coop directors to discuss issues they are facing. Steve will send a request to coop leaders for materials next week and will report back to the FEC.

COF Report for the Provost...Covering All Our Basis – Steve Tesch

Steve distributed the outline for the OSU academic report for 2008-2009. In the past the annual academic report has been compiled largely by information based on the departments' annual reports. The committee discussed whether or not the report fully represented all the activities within the College. Extension, outreach, and international activities have not been represented adequately in term of college contributions. Steve asked for some ideas for additional inputs. Hal recommended that the department heads highlight advising in their report that impact student success. This year's report should include specific kind of impacts and key accomplishments: i.e. OWIC support for contract with China, Columbia FP use of Kaichang Li's glue, K-12 education activities, Wood Magic, outreach workshops, Tree School, etc...

Action Item:

Discuss at the next FET meeting how to organize the information and work most efficiently with Caryn Davis.

Office Moves... Considerations and Costs – Steve Tesch

Brenda McComb has submitted a proposal for FES office moves that will consolidate some of the faculty and improve communication. The committee discussed time and cost of the FES move, whether or not the move should be postponed until the new FERM department head is here to discuss the redistribution of offices, and that summer would be preferable for moving people from offices.

Decision:

Hal is not opposed to Brenda's proposal but will not put college resources into it. FES needs to facilitate the move at no college direct cost. If the moves serve a strategic purpose and are completed with departmental resources, then Ok.

Others

Diversity Recruiting and Retention Program Update – Ed Jensen

Ed reported on his conversations with the BLM and OSU EOP and CAMP administrators. BLM has provided \$25 K for next year. The program is ready for launch, with a few details left to figure out. Weyerhaeuser was supportive but will not be able to commit financially this year.

P&T Committee Rotation and Election

Action Item:

Rakesh Gupta and Loren Kellogg are scheduled to cycle off. Need to clarify position status and organize elections via the Dean's Office.

COF Committee List Update

Action Item:

Committee list will be updated over next month or so. Submit committee changes to Steve Tesch.

Homecoming Tailgater Fernhopper: October 31

Action Item:

Begin thinking about publicity and Alumni participation.
Steve Running will be our guest on Friday, October 30 as our Alumni Fellow.
Dick Warring will be helping us coordinate a forum involving students and faculty.

FEC Member Rotation

Today was Claire Montgomery's last FEC meeting. Hal recognized her with a certificate of appreciation. Claire has been a valuable member of the Forestry Executive Committee. She has served a two year term that will end on June 30. Thank you Claire for outstanding service!!

Eric Hansen, new member at-large, will join the Executive Committee on July 1st. Eric will be serving a two year term. Welcome Eric!

Campaign Development Update – Hal Salwasser

Hal shared with the committee the College of Forestry fundraising report which is very positive. Campaign goal is \$31.5 million. As of the end of May, we are at \$29 million and we will surpass our goal this year.

Steve thanked the committee members for their commitment and service on behalf of the COF over the past year. FEC meetings will continue throughout the summer – Check FEC site for up-to-date schedule.