Forestry Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 2, 2010
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Richardson Hall 115

Meeting facilitated by Steve Tesch

List of Attendees:

Members present: Roger Admiral, Barbara Bond, Eric Hansen, Ed Jensen, Thomas Maness, Brenda McComb, Tom McLain, Steve Tesch, Hal Salwasser

Absent: Jim Johnson

Guests: Kathy Howell, Paul Doescher, and Clay Torset

Meeting Handouts:
1) 03-19-10 FEC Meeting Minutes
2) 04-01-10 Action Items Tracking List
3) OSU Information Technology Governance – February 2010
4) An Institute for Earth and Social Systems
5) Environmental Synthesis Center Preliminary Proposal
6) College of Earth Sciences
7) Some Thoughts on Enrollment Management, Curricula, and Courses in CoF – Ed Jensen 4/1/10
8) Alumni Awards Nominations/Bios

Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
03-19-10 minutes were reviewed and approved.

I. Review Agenda and Status of Past Action Items

- No changes or new agenda items.
- Review of Endowed Faculty Positions Proposed Process
  The revisions that were requested by the FEC will require a college committee process – Steve Tesch, Tom McLain and Roger Admiral will work on the revisions.

- Alumni Awards
  Still need to identify a guest speaker for the Student Awards Dinner.

- Regional Climate Center Initiative
  We have a draft proposal but are waiting for the official RFP.

- Hayes Endowment
Brenda McComb, Klaus Puettmann, and Hal met this week to discuss the branding of a complexity silviculture program and to determine what needs to be targeted for investment and activities. **Klaus will present a proposal in a couple of weeks.**

- OSU Outreach Engagement Award Solicitation – Nominations are due on April 5th.

- OFIC/CoF Meeting Agenda
  Presentations’ theme is likely to be on carbon – Invite Bev Law, Mark Harmon, Jim Wilson, Gregg Latta or Darius Adams. Hal will get in touch with Ray to confirm OFIC’s interest in this topic. **Add this item for discussion at next FEC meeting.**

- Library Data Repository
  Initial feedback and interest overwhelmed the Library. They are regrouping and will likely identify some selected areas to focus on.

II. **Updates and Conversation with the Dean**

The FEC devoted this time for updates, conversation, and to answer questions on the following topics:

- Strategic Alignment and Budget Reduction Reports Submitted on March 15
  Hal will be meeting with Sabah and the other ESS Division Deans on Monday to discuss the ESS Division report, proposed changes, coordination, and plan for next Provost’s Council scheduled April 14.

- SABRC Committee Process

- Reconfiguration of the OSU budget Process for Academic Realignment of the Strategic Plan

  Search for Candidate for Director of Budget and Fiscal Planning

- College of Earth Sciences Configuration

- IT Governance and Collaboration between College of Ag and Forestry
  Kathy Howell reported on her ongoing discussions with College of Ag IT Committee about creating a vision and process for both colleges to collaborate. The College of Ag IT Committee is working on a draft report that would contain some IT models and options. Kathy shared her views on the recently released OSU IT Governance report. She shared her concern about the upcoming
process/transition with the current interim leadership and the time it will take to get the new VPIS. At this point we don't know how this new structure will affect the College of Forestry. Kathy will serve on the search committee. She is working with Hal to identify CoF faculty who are willing to serve on the various cross cutting teams. So far Misty Labahn has been nominated for the Administrative Committee and Janet Ohmann for the Research Committee.

**Action Items:**
The Deans will put some pressure to Sabah to get the national search process underway. Hal will have a conversation with Sabah about the committee process perhaps being on ice for a few months until the new VPIS leadership is identified.

### III. Returned Overhead Policy for OSU Interdisciplinary Programs – Barbara Bond

Barbara Bond began her appointment at the Research Office as faculty liaison working with Rich Holdren. Barbara shared her assignments and gave an update on some issues that surfaced at the Research Office. One of the issues was the topic of org codes and returned overhead for proposals from the IWW. The IWW is coordinating the development of a large proposal to NSF and wants to have the whole budget under the IWW org code, which is viewed as essential for the survival of interdisciplinary group. This issue will be a future topic of conversation and will need to be address to the Provost’s Council.

**Action Item:**
Barbara will keep Hal/FEC informed.

### IV. Others:

- **College of ESS Concept Update – Barbara Bond**
  Barbara provided a document which described the structure for a proposed College of Earth Sciences and some recommendations. This was an informational discussion to clarify the different elements for the concept of such a College, including renaming to College of Ocean, Earth, and Atmospheric Systems, COEAS. Nick Pisias has been moderating the ongoing group discussions with faculty from CoF, Ag, and COAS, Geosciences, and Soils to discuss what this college would look like. The College will have two components, a School of Ocean, Earth, and Atmospheric Systems and a Research Institute of Earth Sciences. The proposed School would include undergraduate environmental science program and a COEAS graduate program that would include a terrestrial ecosystems option. The committee discussed some issues about the terrestrial ecosystem option, efficiencies and branding. FEC gave some feedback about the “pros and cons” of the ideas for the
college for Barbara to take back to her committee meeting next week.

- **ESS Institute Concept Update – Barbara Bond**
  Barbara distributed a document which contained the preliminary description of ideas about the proposed Earth Systems Institute. The funding model would be much like the current COAS model. There will be two proposed centers: 1) Earth and Social Systems center and 2) Integrated Analyses of Environmental and Social Impacts center. To know more about the institute, contact Barbara Bond.

  **Action Item:**
  Barbara will keep the FEC informed.

- **Environmental Synthesis Center Update – Brenda McComb**
  Members of the FEC received a copy of the submitted pre-proposal for the Environmental Synthesis Center: Center for Global Environmental Synthesis (CGES). Phil Mote is the PI. The full proposal will be due in July if the pre-proposal is accepted; in this case Phil would become the interim Director for CGES. Brenda shared the vision for the synthesis center, the organization structure, and the primary individuals and major institutions involved. This is a good example of a cross divisional/cross college effort. The Provost is aware of this pre-proposal.

V. **Update on Course Conflicts and Other Challenges – Ed Jensen**
Ed Jensen and Clay Torset shared some thoughts with FEC about College enrollment management, curricula, and course conflicts. Ed addressed numerous issues/challenges about the CoF/ADAA oversight of course scheduling and CAT II proposals, course conflicts in term of scheduling, teaching of specific courses, curriculum streamlining and enrollment management to try to find answers and conflict resolutions.

The Committee discussed the potential solutions that Ed provided at the meeting.

  **Action Items:**
  - Teaching of Specific Courses, eg. FOR 111 and FOR 240
    Need to identify instructors for next academic year or make decision to cancel course by the end of April.
  - College Curriculum and Advising Committee will meet next week to discuss. Invite the new FM Curriculum Committee chair.
  - Course Scheduling Conflicts
    Need the DHs' support to resolve.
- Initiate discussion of advantages and disadvantages of a pro-school. Thomas Maness will organize a conversation with the DHs, Ed, Clay, and Marv Pyles – A preliminary report will be presented at the next FEC.

VI. Alumni Awards Decision – Steve Tesch

The FEC discussed the nominations to make decision on the Alumni awards.

FERM: John Mann and Blake Rowe
FES: Kevin McGarigal
WSE: Jeff DeBell, Milan Vatovec, and Ernesto Wagner

Decision:
The alumni must be able to attend the Student Awards Ceremony to be a recipient. The College will cover their travel.

Action Items:
The Departments will make the selection by early next Thursday. Ed and Steve will select a keynote speaker for the banquet.

VII. Announcement

Jennifer Niedermeyer has left the OSU Foundation. Zak Hansen will be filling in her position as the interim Director of Development. A national search will be open sometime this summer.

Minutes submitted by Nathalie Gitt and revised by Steve Tesch
FEC Website: http://www.cof.orst.edu/cof/admin/execom/index.php