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

Meeting facilitated by Steve Tesch

List of Attendees:

Members present: Roger Admiral, Ed Jensen, Jim Johnson, Eric Hansen, Thomas Maness, Tom McLain, Brenda McComb, Jeff McDonnell, Steve Tesch, and Hal Salwasser

Other Attendees: Fred Kamke, Barbara Bond, Rick Spinrad, Jeffrie Husband, Kathy Howell, David Zahler

Meeting Handouts:

1) 09-20-10 FEC Meeting Draft Minutes – Steve Tesch
2) 08-29-10 Action Items Tracking List – Steve Tesch
3) Notes from 9/20/2010 FEC Meeting – Frame Goals for FEC Retreat
4) Educators Day Agenda

I. VPR Follow-up Visit – Rick Spinrad

This was Rick’s second visit with the College of Forestry leadership committee. The FEC members wanted to hear more about the research agenda, give their input, and raise some specific issues related to the College of Forestry.

OSU Research Agenda

Rick gave an intro on the current status of the research agenda, the expected outcomes, and the steps to get there. Rick explained that there was a need to align the research activities with the OSU strategic plan and described the various strategic elements that led to this agenda. There will be two phases. The first phase will be to define the principles of organization/operations, the current trends, and define the values. The second phase will help define the research and priorities to get a better
predictive capability. Barbara Bond and Fred Kamke are members of Rick’s internal committee. This committee will have representation from most colleges, OSU Foundation, and ONAMI. They will develop a statement that will be shared with a broader audience. Rick will work with various groups on campus to have a dialogue on how to do that and asked the College of Forestry for input.

The Forestry Executive Committee had some comments about the research agenda. Hal asked that the research agenda includes the undergraduate students’ engagement in the research enterprise as part as their learning experience. Other comments addressed 1) the reliance of graduate students on research funding and how it will align with the strategic plan; 2) the need for openness, transparency, and consistency across campus; 3) the inequities and differences amongst colleges and the lack of incentives in the research enterprise; 4) and focus on research outcome in addition to inputs such as grant income, etc.

Over the course of the year, the College of Forestry will be revising their strategic plan. A major task will be to restructure its business model. Hal explained the current funding of the CoF/FRL and discussed the future funding directions that could potentially resemble the COAS model. Hal is hoping to get some help from Rick and Mark McCambridge.

Jim Johnson asked Rick to describe his view of the current characteristics of the research enterprise at OSU. Discussion followed about strengthening outreach and engagement, community partnerships and relationships, and industry partnerships. Rick is looking to institute some industry roundtables and discussions.

Kathy made a comment about the exceptional relationship that computing has with the Research Office and the opportunities for campus wide collaboration, and a distribution model versus centralized model. She hopes that the new VPIS will be ready for this discussion.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Invite Rick Spinrad to the Board of Visitors meeting for 1-2 hrs, on November 11.
Add time for Rick Spinrad on the Educators Day agenda in the afternoon.
Set aside time at the next FEC meeting for further discussion on research agenda and have Barb and Fred work with DHs to articulate CoF research agenda. Invite them back to the next FEC meeting. Set-up another time with Rick Spinrad to discuss policy related questions.

II. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
The minutes from September 20 FEC meeting were approved.

III. Review Agenda and Status of Past Action Items
Follow-up Conversation About BEE ACTION ITEMS:
Faculty to come up with a proposal to the Deans. Jeff McDonnell will try to bring faculty together for a brainstorm session to provide some help to John and Thomas. Tom McLain suggested 1-2 classes that can be jointly taught. Jeff will follow-up with Thomas Maness.

IV. Conversation with the Dean
Dean’s and ESS Division Goals
Hal gave an update about his personal goals that he submitted to Sabah and went over the ESS Division goals elements: (Faculty Hire Initiative success; Cat. I process for the College of Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences; establishment of the NOAA RISA and the US DoI Regional Climate Science Centers; diversity of the student body - SEEDS, CAMP, Leadership Academy; and coordination of the CAS and CoF undergraduate degrees including plant sciences). Sabah will review these goals for approval.

NAUFRP General Assembly
The general assembly will be held on October 28 in Albuquerque, NM. Hal has invited Thomas Maness and Jim Johnson to get involved with NAUFRP. The Western NAUFRP will be held in the afternoon.

Council of Environmental Deans and Directors (CEDD)
This is another association of institutional representatives who come together to improve the quality, stature and effectiveness of academic environmental programs at U.S. universities and colleges. This group meets annually in DC and Brenda will check on how to join this group.
Leadership Academy
Hal would like to see a specific proposal on how we would become engaged. He will commit some time to raise funds in his Capital Campaign extension priorities (State and Federal agencies, Board of Visitors).

SWPS Strategic
Provost Randhawa has asked a small team of deans to explore how SWPS Programs are aligned for a 21st century Land Grant University. Hal will be chairing this committee and will keep FEC informed of timelines and actions, including an open listening session and one-on-one conversation with key stakeholders, including legislative and government leaders. The proposed due date for a report to take to legislature is January 15.

V.  FEC Goals for retreat – Continuation of last meeting
This was a follow-up discussion about what FEC needs to get out of the retreat and continued conversation about the college future, recruiting, growth, and budget strategy.

ACTION ITEMS:
A third item concerning the College internal communication was added to the list of specific goals for improving the ability to have conversation with one another that leads to alignment with degree program restructuring, mission for the College, and other things. There is a need for increasing the internal dialogue about the upcoming challenges. Hal will need to find a way to get more institutional resources to support the faculty and the College’s programs. The strategic plan revision process will be used to build up a budget model that will include incentives and that will put the college in a strong position three-five years from now. [Capture Brenda’s and Jeff’s goals ideas in the pre-planning retreat materials]. Possibly schedule periodic meeting for Hal and Sabah and engage President Ray and stakeholders in broader conversation with College of Forestry about what value CoF is creating and what CoF is willing to give up. Possibly use Educators Day or Board of Visitors venues to send these important messages.
IV. Others:

**Educators Day: Identify COF presentation topics – Steve Tesch**
The Committee reviewed the order of the presentations on the agenda and discussed the topics for the College presentation scheduled in the afternoon. Some possible topics identified were: renewable/green materials or water (responsibility of forests addressing water scarcity issues in the Willamette in the next decades).

**ACTION ITEMS:**
Hal will kick-off the day with a 20 minute presentation and 10 minutes for Q&A. The lunch will be switched to 12:30 pm (allow 45 minutes for lunch), followed by presentations from Rick Spinrad and the Departments (30 minutes). The College’s presentation will be on water. Hal will have a conversation with Larry Giustina about expanding invitations to future Educators Day to people in the conservation sector. Steve Tesch, Jeff McDonnell and Thomas McLain will meet to discuss the water topic.

**Vernonia Project – Brenda McComb**
Brenda gave an update of her visit to Vernonia. She recommended that OSU CoF should stay engaged in the research going on – Currently Amy Grotta and Glenn Ahrens have been taking the lead but this will no longer be on their purview. The conversation was about how to keep involved, one idea was to do it through a graduate internship, working with Amy.

**FNR Retreat Update – Jim Johnson**
This was a quick update of the two-day FNR annual retreat that was held in Bend. The retreat included a field tour held at a local guitar factory. The group planning went well. Next FNR retreat will be in November, all will be invited.

**OWEB Ballot Measure – Jim Johnson**
Jim gave an update on the OWEB ballot measure. The ballot measure 76 is going to amend the constitution and will formally allocate a portion of the lottery funds to Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation and OWEB. The ballot measure was crafted by a group of NGOs. The language that was used in the ballot has been problematic because it limits allocation of OWEB grant funds to state public universalities; this
challenge will need to be dealt at the legislature if measure passes. Gail Achterman will be the lead to help with enabling the legislation. She was looking for participants.
Jeff McDonnell will connect with Gail to serve on her committee.

**University and National Awards Nomination Submission – Steve Tesch**
Hal had sent a note to FEC to remind all that nominating faculty is a great way to acknowledge our people and to please take the time to prepare nominations.

**Announcement from Steve Tesch – University Service Slot open**
Steve asked the department Heads if they could identify a faculty member for this position. Please let Steve know early next week.

**Draft minutes submitted by Nathalie Gitt revised by Steve Tesch**
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