



**Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology**  
Minutes of the Department Meeting  
November 3, 2014

**Present:** Allison, Berkelman, Drake, Garcia, Gunther, Karasov, Kruger, Lorimer, Miron, Mladenoff, Nack, Ozdogan, Pauli, Peery, Pidgeon, Radeloff, Ribic, Rickenbach, Rissman, Rodock, Samuel, Stanosz, Webster, Van Deelen, Zuckerberg

**Absent:** Bowe, Lutz, Townsend

**1. Review agenda**

Bill Karasov, chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm in 216 Russell Labs. There were no changes to the agenda.

**2. Approval of minutes**

Mladenoff (Rickenbach) moved to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2014, department meeting. Motion approved by voice vote.

**3. Reports and announcements**

Gunther: The migration to Office 365 is about 12% complete. WiscMail Lite will no longer be available after Jan. 6, 2015.

Webster: Margaret thanked the faculty and staff for helping close out Hatch accounts. Receipts are needed for ProCards. Let Sheila know of any upcoming payroll changes.

Rodock: The deadline to add students for independent study has passed (was Oct. 31). Funds are available to assist with recruitment. Let Sara know if recruiting for Spring or Fall 2015.

Karasov: Lance Potter has been hired for the vice Timme position as Hub administrator. He will begin on Nov. 17. There will be a retirement party for Sheila; tentative date is Dec. 18.

**4. Old business (none)**

**5. New business**

**a. FWE 675 new course proposal.** Rodock and Nack presented background information for proposing a new course: 675 Professional Development in Forest and Wildlife Ecology. Topics taught in this course could include workshops and courses taught in a nontraditional timeframe. The specific content each course would be listed in the course title in the timetable.

**MOTION:** Rickenbach (Drake) moved to submit for approval the new course proposal for FWE 675 Professional Development in Forest and Wildlife Ecology. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**b. Plan for teaching Principles of Silviculture FWE 410, Spring 2015.** Kruger proposed a plan for the department to cover its teaching obligation for FWE 410 for Spring 2015. Stanosz would serve as lead instructor and the lab would be covered by a 50% time TA. Brian Zweifel has agreed to teach the lab.

**MOTION:** Ozdogan (Van Deelen) moved to approve the plan to cover FWE 410 for Spring Semester 2015 and to request funds for the 50% time TA. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**c. Request for Proposals for TA allocations for the 2015-16 academic year.** Karasov announced that TA requests are due Nov. 21. Requests from individuals in the department go to the chair. CALS asked that summer camp TA requests be combined with regular TA requests.

Karasov also noted that plans for teaching are moving forward. This is a topic that should be discussed at a department strategic planning meeting. He proposed meeting on January 15, 2015. In addition to teaching plans, other topics would likely include faculty positions and development activities.

**Adjourn.** Drake (Rickenbach) moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 pm. Motion carried.