



Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology
Minutes of the Department Faculty Meeting
March 1, 2016

Present: Berkelman, Bowe, Garcia, Johnston, Lutz, Mladenoff, Pauli, Peery, Pidgeon, Potter, Rodock, Ribic, Rickenbach, Sabo, Stanosz, Townsend, Zuckerberg

Meeting called by Rickenbach (Chair) 2:00 p.m. in 216 Russell.

1. Approval of December 2015 and February 2016 minutes

Motion to approve minutes from December 2015 (Mladenoff/Pidgeon) unanimously approved.
Motion to approve minutes from February 2016 (Stanosz/Peery) unanimously approved.

2. Review agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Announcements

Potter: Budget updates. Drake/Potter coming to May 2016 faculty meeting with Hub FY17 budget update.

Webster: Filling of Hamilton vacancy, open until March 15th.

Rodock: Add/drop deadline March 18 – students in your lab need to be on independent studies, particularly Capstone course.

Gunther: IT cart and computer upgrade in 216

Rickenbach: Update on faculty bios, stemming from Jodi Wickham UWF; need 2-3 sentence bios.

Staffing plan reminder. To be set out.

Minimum wage to \$9 per hour effective September 1, 2016

Campus updates: Retention of student and faculty; job leave for research associates; WARF resources; and Arboretum Director this spring.

CALS updates: Minimum qualifications for teaching staff; Van Deelen at APC – this is the day for faculty request review; and Ag Research Stations bill passes WI Legislature to sell ARS land.

4. Old Business

Forestry Graduate Awards Proposal (Samuel)

Review of proposals for Outstanding Forestry Award and Best Paper Award

Motion to approve the award guidelines and implement new awards this year.
(Townsend/Mladenoff) unanimously approved.

Graduate program assessments (Ribic)

Overview of direct assessment, meets expectations metric, to be passed out to Wildlife Faculty

This is meant to be a review of the whole MS or PhD program, not simply the student of the specific faculty.

5. New Business

Course proposal for senior thesis credit for FWE. (Pauli)

Using senior thesis and honor from Human Oncology.

Motion to approve with Pauli as lead (Townsend/Ribic) motion unanimously approved.

Undergraduate research mentoring award nominations to nominate Pauli.

Motion to approve nomination (Stanosz/Mladenoff) motion unanimously approved.

Undergraduate program assessment, more information to come from Rickenbach.

Return of Xi Sigma Pi (Bowe)

The honor Natural Resource fraternity looking for a restart.

This recognizes students who have academic achievements. General discussion to pursue FWE reinvestment in Xi Sigma Pi.

“Merit” and pre-tenure faculty reviews. FWE needs a way to define how people are meeting or surpassing expectations. Pre-tenure faculty annual reviews in March.

Adjourn. Rickenbach adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.