

**Department of Forest & Wildlife Ecology**

Faculty Meeting Minutes of Oct. 11, 2010  
216 Russell Labs

Present: Allison, Berkelman, Bowe, Craven, Drake, Field, Gunther, Karasov (presiding), Kruger, Langston, Lorimer, Lutz, Nack, Ozdogan, Peery, Pidgeon, Ray, Rickenbach, Rissman, Robinson, Rodock, Scott, Serbin, Van Deelen, Webster, Tanumihardjo (Nutritional Sciences)

Absent: Cary, Gower, Guries, Mladenoff, Radeloff, Ribic, Samuel, Timme, Townsend

Professor Karasov called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Agenda and minutes. The Chair reviewed the agenda. The minutes of the Sept. 13 department meeting were approved (Drake/Berkelman).
2. Reports and Announcements
  - a. **2010-11 Student reps.** The Chair introduced and welcomed Shawn Serbin and Stacy Robinson as the two new student representatives.
  - b. **Certificate in Global Health for undergraduates.** Dr. Sherry A. Tanumihardjo from Nutritional Sciences introduced herself as the director of a new Certificate in Global Health program housed in CALS and serving the entire campus community, funded by an award from the Chancellor's Madison Initiative for Undergraduates. She distributed a draft outline of the program and discussed the proposed courses and the requirements of the 16-credit certificate, which includes 9 core credits and an international experience; a week of international experience constitutes 1 credit. She said the undergraduate committee is developing a brochure.
  - c. **NRC Ph.D. program ranking.** The Chair congratulated the forest science Ph.D. program, which the National Research Council recently ranked highly, arguably first. He noted that UW-Madison's wildlife program, though listed less clearly, ranked high as well.
  - d. **Update on IT.** Gunther distributed a monthly report and asked that people with older browsers see the IT staff for assistance with upgrading. He asked people to inform the IT staff about their networked printers so that they can update IP addresses.
  - e. **Student Services.** Rodock solicited an additional wildlife ecology faculty member for the Undergraduate majors fair. Van Deelen volunteered. She also noted that the Grad School's new "GWIS Lite" program will mean the upcoming admissions process will be less paper-based.
  - f. **Update on Environmental Sciences major.** Rickenbach noted that the Environmental Sciences degree program will go before the Academic Planning Council meeting for a vote next week. He will distribute copies of the document and asked the faculty to review it. The Department will have both Natural Sciences and Environmental Sciences.
3. New Business
  - a. **Proposals for new courses in the wildlife curriculum.** Berkelman described FWE 318 as a course for both majors and nonmajors and proposed splitting it into two, to serve each audience, creating a 3-credit course for majors only and a new course called "Living with Wildlife" as a broad overview for nonmajors. The Chair noted that the wildlife faculty has largely approved the change already and that this is an opportunity for wider comment. The change will fold in the content of the 1-credit 319 into 318.

**Motion (Drake/Field) passed** on a unanimous voice vote to approve the new course proposal for **FWE 110** as presented.

**Motion (Lutz/Rickenbach) passed** on a unanimous voice vote to approve the course change proposal for **FWE 318** as presented.

The wildlife ecology curriculum group proposed a title change for FWE 101 to Wildlife Ecology Major and Career Orientation, with a concurrent increase from 0 to 1 credit based on additional coursework requirements. Nack will take over from Craven primary teaching responsibility in the course. Nack noted that the goal would be to allow FWE 101 to suffice for majors rather than requiring that they take a CALS 155 seminar as well to meet the introductory requirement. The Department intends for FWE 101 to be a practical semester-long course to give majors a thorough introduction

**Motion (Ray/Berkelman) passed** on a voice vote to accept the course change proposal to **FWE 101** as presented.

- b. **Proposal for allocation of indirect cost returns.** The Chair distributed a draft proposal to manage the annual allocation of facilities and administrative (F&A) costs. He reviewed the recent history of cost returns, the proposed timeline and two models for distributing funding within the Department, and allowable uses for F&A monies. The faculty discussed the ability for the Department to reallocate funding following the granting of an award from CALS, and the timing of the process. The Chair asked the faculty to consider the options and prepare to act formally on a proposed policy. Webster suggested setting a minimum dollar amount at which the faculty would receive allocations, in order to reduce the internal paperwork and numbers of proposals.

3. Old Business

- a. **Committee meeting assignments.** The Chair distributed a list of committee assignments and solicited comments and requested changes.
- b. **Update on proposal ideas for Gordon R. Connor fund.** Bowe reported that every year the Connor fund generates \$25,000-\$30,000 for awards. The fund's oversight committee is requesting short proposals from the faculty for consideration. Bowe suggested that the Committee submit proposals which are traditionally, conservatively considered "forestry." He intends to discuss these funding opportunities with the Committee.

The faculty also noted that the Nuzum Fund currently managed by Dick Straub in Engineering to support work in the Kickapoo area, has a base funding of over \$1 million and is offering up to two years of funding to appropriate proposals. The Fund encourages community partnerships. Rickenbach offered to provide contacts to any interested faculty.

- b. **E-reimbursement training.** Webster reminded the faculty of the next Q&A session on e-reimbursements, Wed. from noon-1 p.m. in Room A228.

Adjourn 1:44 p.m.

submitted by Ken Scott