

Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology
Faculty Meeting Minutes for October 31, 2011

Present: Allison, Berkelman, Drake, Gunther, Karasov, Langston, Locke, Lorimer, Miron, Mladenoff, Nack, Ozdogan, Pauli, Peery, Pidgeon, Radeloff, Rickenbach, Rissman, Rodock, Samuel, Stenglein, Timme, Van Deelen, Webster, Zuckerberg

Absent: Bowe, Gower, Kruger, Lutz, Ribic, Townsend (sabbatical)

Bill Karasov (Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm in 216 Russell Labs.

Agenda and Minutes.

The Chair asked for any changes to the agenda (none).

He then asked for any changes/corrections to the minutes from the Oct. 3, 2011 meeting (none). Minutes were approved as presented (Drake/Van Deelen).

Reports and Announcements.

Timme: To meet 2011-13 budget reductions, the Russell Laboratories Hub gave up .5 accounting position and a full-time academic supervisor position and are bracing for the possibility of further cuts.

Webster: Julene Gaspard in CALS administration, who handled grant submissions, has taken another position. To accommodate this change, Webster requested anyone submitting a grant in the next couple of months let her know now to ensure they meet submission deadlines. Also if statements are needed and/or any corrections are needed for existing accounts, see Webster.

Rodock: Applications from first year graduate students applying for an NSF fellowship need to go through Webster and should be submitted as soon as possible. Rodock is training anyone who advises undergraduate students how to use Advising Notes, a campus-wide system where notes on individual students are kept in one central location which advisors can access.

Gunther: Work on the department web site is underway. The Plant Pathology department's web site will be used as the working model for FWE new site.

Karasov: Reminder that the Partners in Giving sign-up continues through mid-November for those wishing to make a contribution through the UW. Graduate students have self-organized and the department has graduate students on some committees.

Locke/Stenglein: Christina Locke will be the primary graduate student contact and will also serve on the Graduate Curriculum Committee. Jennifer Stenglein is on the seminar committee. Other committee members are Catalina Vasquez, Graduate Curriculum Committee; Autumn Sabo, Undergrad Curriculum Committee; Brendan

Reid, Undergrad Curriculum Committee; and Marin Palmer, Space Committee and IT Committee.

Old Business

Career Recognition Event (Karasov). Thank you to those organizers of the career recognition event a couple weeks ago: Bowe, Craven, Lorimer and Rickenbach.

Update on New Faculty Positions (Rickenbach). At the APC meeting earlier in the day Rickenbach learned that the 10-14 new positions in CALS discussed in early fall has now been down-sized to 3-5 new positions. A budget lapse of \$800,000 over two biennia will be met with salary dollars. The details are still unclear at this point.

Later today (Oct. 28) Karasov will submit the position request for the “Forest Management and Quantitative Analysis” position. In December Karasov, Radeloff, and Rissman will give an oral presentation about the position to members of CALS, including the new CALS dean Kathryn Vanden Bosch.

Drake reported that he has been in contact with Klemme in Extension about hiring an individual to fill the Extension wildlife position created by Craven’s retirement. Klemme expressed strong support for hiring, but has not confirmed that it will be possible. The request to fill the position is due in Klemme’s office by Nov. 30, 2011.

New Business

Indirect Cost Return Allocation (Rickenbach). The department will receive a total of \$59,791 from its 144 and 133 accounts. Based on a policy in place since 2010, one-third of the amount up to \$20,000 goes to the department and the rest is distributed to faculty members based on the percentage that each generated. Rickenbach has compiled a chart of the amounts going to individual faculty members; \$19,930 will go to the department. Karasov asked that anyone who wanted to revisit this policy should contact him to get it on the agenda for a future meeting.

Teaching Assistant Allocations for 2012-2013 (Karasov). CALS estimates it has funding to support TA’s for 56 courses during the 2012-2013 academic year. Proposals requesting funding should be submitted to Karasov by Nov. 16, 2011 so he can forward them as a package to CALS by its deadline of Nov. 21.

Space Committee Report (Mladenoff). On behalf of the other space committee members (Gower, Van Deelen and Palmer [student]), Mladenoff presented a detailed report including announcements of decisions made by the Committee and issues still under consideration. A summary document was presented.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm (Gunther/Pidgeon)

Submitted by Mary Miron