

**Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology**  
Department Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2012

**Present:** Berkelman, Bowe, Gower, Gunther, Karasov, Kruger, Langston, Lutz, Miron, Mladenoff, Ozdogon, Pauli, Pidgeon, Radeloff, Ribic, Rickenbach, Rissman, Rodock, Timme, Townsend, Vasquez, Webster, Zuckerberg

**Absent:** Drake, Lorimer, Peery, Samuel, Van Deelen,

Bill Karasov (Chair) called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm in 216 Russell Labs.

**Agenda and Minutes.**

Karasov requested any changes/corrections to the minutes from the Jan. 31, 2012 meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as written (Gower/Kruger).

**Reports and Announcements.**

**Timme:** Sheila advised faculty to be sure their summer salary funds are coming from an account that will be available in both the current and new fiscal year that begins July 1. HR is looking at options for spreading out large deductions like health insurance for those on 9-month appointments.

**Webster:** Faculty should be aware of RSP payroll post dates and how they mesh with the end of the fiscal year (e.g., payroll may end mid July, but project may end June 30, the end of the fiscal year). If this occurs, the charges may need to be posted in an earlier payroll.

**Rodock:** CALS is seriously considering offering an undeclared major option for this fall. Two recently hired CALS advisers could handle advising duties for these students.

**Gunther:** Paul provided a handout with instructions for faculty to review/edit their pages on the new FWE website. Updates are needed by March 15.

**Rickenbach:** At the CALS chairs meeting on Feb. 27 he learned that Zoology and Botany are considering merging into the Department of Biology.

**Old Business:**

**Pauli** provided the flyer for the Leopold Lecture featuring Steven Beissinger scheduled for April 13 in 1520 Microbial Sciences. Langston noted that Beissinger is a candidate for Director of the Nelson Institute.

**New Business:**

**Approval of revisions to FWE500.** Ken Raffa described proposed changes to FWE500. Beginning in the Fall of 2013 the course will be changed from 3 credits to 2 credits, will be lecture only, and retitled Insects in Forest Ecosystem Function and Management.

**Motion:** Langston moved to approve the proposed changes to FWE500, seconded by Rickenbach. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Possibility of linking department's seminar series to a 1-credit course.** Jon Pauli requested feedback from other faculty regarding the possibility of making the seminar series a 1-credit course. In this way a room would be reserved each week for the seminars/course. Pauli will prepare a formal proposal for the change.

**New course proposal for FWE 577.** In the absence of Tim Van Deelen, Rodock presented a request for a new course, FWE577 Complexity and Conservation of White-tailed Deer. The department's curriculum committee has already approved it.

**Motion:** After brief discussion Langston moved to approve the new course, seconded by Rickenbach. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Instructional Lab Modernization Requests.** Karasov described the process for submitting proposals to CALS to fund projects. He needs the proposal by March 21 and they are due at CALS by March 23.

**Election of Faculty Senators.** Karasov announced that election of faculty senators will take place this spring. Current faculty senators Bowe and Drake are both willing to serve another term. If anyone else is interested in serving, let Karasov know. A formal election will take place at the March department meeting.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm (Lutz/Kruger)