



Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology
Minutes of the Faculty Meeting
April 30, 2013

Present: Berkelman, Bowe, Drake, Karasov, Kruger, Lorimer, Lutz, Miron, Mladenoff, Ozdogan, Pauli, Pidgeon, Ribic, Rickenbach, Rissman, Rodock, Sabo, VanDeelen, Webster, Zuckerberg

Absent: Gower, Langston, Peery, Radeloff, Samuel, Townsend

Bill Karasov (Chair) called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm in 216 Russell Labs.

Approval of Minutes

Lorimer (Rickenbach) moved to approve the minutes of the meeting on April 2, 2013. Motion carried.

Reports and Announcements

Webster: The UW is nearing the end of the fiscal year; allow extra time to process items. Feel free to request fund balances. Remember to turn in receipts. Contact Timme if you will have someone on summer payroll.

Rodock: Let her know if you have an incoming graduate student who is not getting a degree in FWE. Karasov asked Rodock for a list of new students so office space can be arranged.

Pauli: Hugh Possingham, University of Queensland, will give the Leopold Lecture at 3 pm on Friday, May 3 in 1520 Microbiology. Reception begins at 2 pm.

Karasov provided highlights of the CALS chairs meeting: Dick Straub was named new Senior Associate Dean. Paul Jelle is retiring June 30; Angie Seitler will be the new Assistant Dean for Business Services. Phil Gonsiska has been selected as Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Programs and Services. CALS will celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2014 and welcomes suggestions for areas to highlight. Nominations are welcome for CALS' honorary recognition in October. The university is considering naming the new lakeshore dorm after Aldo Leopold and wanted confirmation from the department that there are no objections; none were voiced.

Old Business

Use of department vehicles. Karasov requested comments about use restrictions for the department vehicles and whether instruction should have priority over research and other uses.

After discussion a temporary policy for the summer of a 14-day consecutive use limit was agreed upon. Karasov will gather more information about vehicle usage and bring the topic up again at a later time.

Video conferencing equipment. The equipment is located in 216 Russell Labs. There was some discussion about dedicating a room for use with the equipment and make it available to all three departments in the building. For the time being, the equipment will be available for use in 216 by anyone who wishes to use it.

CALS strategic plan. There are several ways to provide feedback on the CALS strategic plan: in person on May 2 at 3 pm, Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery; post comments on eCALS web link by May 3; email comments to stratplan@cals.wisc.edu; or talk to Mark Rickenbach.

Adjourn

Rickenbach (Kruger) moved to adjourn at 3 pm. Motion carried.