



Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology
Minutes of the Department Meeting
October 7, 2013

Present: Berkelman, Burnham, Henschell, Karasov, Kruger, Lorimer, Lutz, Miron, Ozdogan, Peery, Pidgeon, Radeloff, Rickenbach, Rodock, Stanosz, Timme, Townsend, Webster

Absent: Bowe, Drake, Gower, Mladenoff, Pauli, Ribic, Rissman, Samuel, VanDeelen, Zuckerberg

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

Approval of minutes from September 9, 2013.

Motion: Stanosz (Ozdogan) moved to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2013 department meeting. Motion carried.

Reports and Announcements

Timme: Hatch/McIntire-Stennis projects began Oct. 1. She encouraged people to attend the Benefits Fair at Union South on Oct. 8.

Webster: CALS wants all previous year's Hatch accounts closed by the end of October. The Shared Financial System will be down from Oct. 16 to 22. No financial processing can be done during that time.

Rodock: Let her know if you are planning to admit a new graduate student in the spring semester or if you will be recruiting students for fall 2014.

Old Business

Update by search and screen committee. On behalf of Tom Gower, Eric Kruger announced that the PVL has been approved and should now be posted for the position of assistant professor of forest economics and risk management.

Update on MOU with WDNR. Karasov announced that all parties have agreed on the text of the MOU (Karasov projected the text onto the screen) and the MOU is currently being circulated for signatures.

Election of substitute faculty senator.

MOTION: Karasov (Rickenbach) moved to name Zach Peery as substitute faculty senator. Motion carried.

Department Vehicles. Karsov presented graphics showing use patterns of department vehicles during academic and summer periods of the year. After discussion an informal agreement was reached that users should check for conflicts via email before checking out vehicles for more than a couple of days.

Financing of Unit van. Karsov asked for comments on whether to invest approximately \$1,000 in repairs to the Cooperative Wildlife Unit van. The van is available for department use and can be checked out following the rules of the other two department vehicles. There was general agreement that the department should invest in the repairs. No motion was made.

Department Review. Karsov provided an update on the status of the department review. The information has been gathered and the results turned over to CALS. CALS is forming a review committee and will prepare a critique.

Proposed Strategic Planning meeting. Karsov reported that results of a Google Poll show that Thursday, January 16, 2014 was the best date to hold a department strategic planning meeting. He encouraged people to begin thinking about topics to discuss at the meeting, including what would be the department's top priority major expenditure.

New Business

Course change proposals. Rodock presented information about three course change proposals. The following motions were made.

MOTION: Kruger (Rickenbach) moved to approve the course change proposal for 606 Colloquium in Environmental Toxicology. Motion carried. Rodock will share some concerns the department has with the current proposal.

MOTION: Pidgeon (Berkelman) moved to approve the new course proposal for 660 Climate Change and Natural Resources. Motion carried.

MOTION: Stanosz (Pidgeon) moved to approve the new course proposal for 711 Multivariate Analysis of Ecological and Community Data. Motion carried.

Development Committee Items

Drager-Monahan Funds. Karsov described the current status of the fund. The amount of the fund cannot be divulged by the UW Foundation per donor's request. Ray Guries is working with Ed Drager on a list of possible expenditures. Guries will email this list to the faculty for comment.

Gordon R. Connor Center of Excellence. Scott Bowe will distribute a call for project proposals. Approximately \$35,000-\$40,000 per 12-month period is available. Karsov will distribute a list of projects that have been funded in the past several years.

Ad hoc committee on departmental activities. Karsov reported that the committee has been working on possible opportunities for members of the department to socialize. They proposed a winter holiday party on Thursday, Dec. 5 at Dejope residence hall and requested comments. The consensus was to use a multi-tiered fee system and to include all immediate family members.

Ad hoc committee on awards. Radeloff and Stanosz are compiling a list of possible awards for which department members can be nominated.

Adjourn. Berkelman (Pidgeon) moved to adjourn at 2:10 pm. Motion carried.