



Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology
Minutes of the Nov. 4, 2013 Department Meeting

Present: Allison, Berkelman, Bowe, Drake, Garcia, Gower, Karasov, Kirby, Kruger, Lorimer, Miron, Mladenoff, Ozdogan, Pauli, Peery, Pidgeon, Radeloff, Ribic, Rickenbach, Rissman, Samuel, Stanosz, Timme, and VanDeelen

Absent: Lutz, Townsend, Zuckerberg

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

Approval of minutes from October 7, 2013.

MOTION: Rickenbach (Ozdogan) moved to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2013 department meeting. Motion carried.

Reports and Announcements

Timme: Linda Naunapper has resigned from her position as grants and contracts specialist. Sheila is recruiting her replacement as well as a half-time Financial Specialist. November 29, the Friday after Thanksgiving, the university is officially open but there will be minimal services available in the department/hub.

Karasov: The date reserved for the holiday party conflicts with the wildlife students' wild game dinner. The committee has decided to postpone the event until next year.

Scott Craven has heart surgery scheduled for this week. Updates will be passed along as received.

Glen Stanosz's mother passed away and the department extends condolences to Glen and his family.

Old Business

Update by search and screen committee (Gower). The PVL for assistant professor of forest economics and risk management has been approved and is posted on the UW's web site. The position is also widely advertised via a number of list serves. There are 4-5 other universities concurrently advertising for a similar position. Interviews will likely be in January and February.

Proposals for Connor Center of Excellence. Bowe reported that he has received five applications for the 2014-15 academic year. He will forward them to the Connor board.

Ideas for use of Drager-Monahan Fund. Rickenbach reported that Ray Guries is putting together some possible ways to use the fund such as an endowed professorship, graduate student research assistantships, fellowships, or undergraduate instruction support. They hope to work our ideas into an amendment to the fund before the end of the year.

Upcoming strategic planning meeting Jan. 16, 2014. Karasov gave an update on the department review process. The review has not been scheduled by CALS. Information from the review would be an essential component of the strategic planning meeting. It is possible the meeting will be postponed or a shortened meeting will go forward. Please hang onto the date: Jan. 16, 2014.

New Business

Mexico initiatives with Eduardo Santana. Karasov announced that Eduardo Santana, who received a degree in FWE, is drafting a proposal for a cooperative project that would involve FWE. The topic will be presented later when more details are available.

Request for TA support Academic Year 2014-15. Karasov requested that anyone who would like the assistance of a TA for the 2014-15 academic year see him for instructions for making this request.

Hatch and McIntire-Stennis Capital Exercise. Faculty members interested in submitting a request for purchase of capital equipment should send their requests to Karasov before winter break. The requests are due at CALS in early January 2014.

FWE Newsletter considerations. Karasov requested comment on the costs/benefits of the department newsletter. There was discussion about reducing the number of issues per year, switching more people to email delivery, as well as questions about how many people make donations stimulated by the donation coupon in the newsletter. Karasov has a meeting scheduled with Sara Anderson from UW Foundation at which he hopes to get further information about donations.

Adjourn. Drake (Berkelman) moved to adjourn at 1:35 pm. Motion carried.