



**Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology**  
Minutes of the Department Meeting  
April 1, 2014

**Present:** Bowe, Garcia, Karasov, Kruger, Lorimer, Lutz, Miron, Mladenoff, Ozdogan, Pauli, Radeloff, Ribic, Rickenbach, Rissman, Rodock, Stanosz, Timme, Townsend, Van Deelen, Zuckerberg

**Absent:** Drake, Gower, Peery, Pidgeon, Samuel

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

**Approval of Minutes.** Mladenoff (Lutz) moved to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2014 department meeting. Motion approved.

**Reports and Announcements**

**Admin Team:**

**Timme:** Sheila encouraged faculty on 9-month appointments to think about funding for summer salary. She will be distributing a form for this purpose.

**Rodock:** Grading will be due in May. Add/drop deadline has passed. Notify her if recruiting graduate students for the fall.

**Administrative and leadership structure of graduate school.** Karasov provided a link to a revised report from the Working Group on Leadership Changes in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research/Dean of the Graduate School. There will likely be a vote on this issue at the April 7, 2014 Faculty Senate meeting.

**Old Business**

**Update on department review.** Karasov showed a tentative agenda for various members of the department to meet with the review team on April 8 and 15. Possible changes to enable better attendance were suggested.

**Ad hoc committee on salary merit.** Committee chair Drake was absent; no report was provided.

**Outcome on Proposals for Instructional Laboratory Modernization for 2014-15.** Three requests were submitted and all three were funded.

## **New Business**

**Course change proposals.** On behalf of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Rodock provided information regarding proposed course changes—to make a 1-credit lab course (551) separate from 550, where the lab previously was an optional additional credit under 550. The Committee made the following motion:

**MOTION:** To approve the course change proposal for FWE 550 and the new course proposal for FWE 551. Motion approved by voice vote.

**Cooperative Research Unit support.** Lutz announced that he has followed up on information that Chris Ribic shared at the FWE retreat in January. At that time she mentioned that there is an organized group—National Cooperators’ Coalition (NCC)—that is coordinating support for Cooperative Research Units and urged members of the department to get involved. Lutz followed up on this recommendation and has been elected to serve on the Steering Committee for NCC. He attended a meeting of the NCC at the North American Natural Resources Conference in Denver in March. Lutz shared information that Don Dennerline, Acting Deputy Chief, Cooperative Research Unit, USGS, reported at that meeting, including the news that there are 17 states not fully funded and vacancies in the program will hover around 20 for the next 2 years.

**Adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm by general consent.