



Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology
Minutes of the Department Faculty Meeting
May 3, 2016

Present: Allison, Berkelman, Drake, Evans, Karasov, Lutz, Mladenoff, Nack, Pauli, Pidgeon, Potter, Radeloff, Rodock, Ribic, Rickenbach, Sabo, Townsend, Van Deelen, Webster and Zuckerberg.

Meeting called by Rickenbach (Chair) 2:00 p.m. in 216 Russell.

1. Approval of March 2016 minutes

Motion to approve minutes from April 5, 2016 (Karasov/Pauli). Unanimously approved.

2. Review agenda

Addition for Karasov as new business, student safety on animal safety.

3. Announcements

Potter: Lab Sheet review for Summer 2016 and last date for graduating student hourlies is May 28, 2016.

Webster: New Financial Specialist Senior – Samantha Barsuli
DNR July 1 starts to come soon

Rickenbach for Gunther: No Speakers in 216.

Radeloff discussed feedback from help@ Russell. Post and give approximation of time to problem solution.

Rodock: Update reminder to grade and rosters at the end of the semester.

Rickenbach:

CALS chairs meeting

Teaching and Learning Council draft version of instruction policy to come this summer for approval this fall.

Language change on dollars for graduate support.

Silviculture Position – Van Deelen going to APC – currently ranked in the top half but uncertain as to the total position fill plan.

FS Rhinelander – mention of recent visit to Kemp and ongoing relationship with the Dept.

RL Picnic and Host – May 6th starts at 4:00 p.m. Pauli brought up preference to have Leopold lecture be coordinated with picnic, not to occur in the same week. This simply happened to work out this year.

4. Old Business

Undergraduate Assessment Plan

Rickenbach review materials

Motion to accept the Forest Undergraduate (Karasov/Lutz) Assessment Plan. Unanimously approved. Motion carries.

Motion to accept the Wildlife Undergraduate (Lutz/Drake) Assessment Plan. After discussion, approved with one abstain. Motion carries.

Discussion: Concern raised about not discussed as often as Undergraduate or Forest Grad in Faculty Meeting.

Graduate Assessment Plan

Townsend review Forest Graduate Assessment Plan Review

Motion to approve with (Townsend/Karasov) removal of the word oral in the discussion of prelims. Unanimously approved as amended. Motion carries.

Staffing plan passed out, positions discussed at January FWE retreat. Rickenbach to send out survey to capture committee membership and position priority.

5. New Business

Fair Labor Standards Act Changes

Discussion of status of FLSA potential changes to overtime and Department Academic Staff, Research Associates, and Research Interns.

Forestry Club graduate recognition

Rickenbach shared Forestry Club image of how to share Forestry Undergraduate in the Department. General approval of concept.

Hub Budget Update

Potter/Drake gave overview of current FY16 HUB budget numbers and expectation of spending for the end of the budget year.

Graduate Student Review/Signatures

Zuckerberg gave update on current review – committee emails as a replacement for signatures as needed. Query to be send out to Graduate Student to see how process should proceed.

Future of Dissertation

Graduate Committee reviewed and came up with recommendations, summarized by Rickenbach.

Animal Handling Safety

Karasov discussed animal safety in FWE courses. Any standard forms for risk?

State Budget – Division of Forestry

Allison Council on Forestry – May 26th

Please contact Allison or Rickenbach on thoughts.

Adjourn. Rickenbach adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.