



Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology
Department Meeting Minutes for April 10, 2012

Present: Berkelman, Bowe, Drake, Gunther, Karasov, Kruger, Langston, Lorimer, Miron, Nack, Pauli, Pidgeon, Radeloff, Reid, Ribic, Rissman, Rodock, Timme, Townsend, VanDeelen, Webster, Zuckerberg

Absent: Gower, Lutz, Mladenoff, Ozdogan, Peery, Rickenbach, Samuel

Bill Karasov (Chair) called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm in 216 Russell Labs.

Agenda and Minutes.

Karasov requested any updates to the agenda. Brendan Reid asked that a discussion of public gathering space for graduate students be added to the agenda. Karasov requested any changes/corrections to the minutes from the February 28, 2012 meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as written (Drake/Langston).

Reports and Announcements.

Timme: Sheila provided copies of the UW-Madison Summer Calendar for staff to use in planning to summer salary payments.

Webster: FY2013 DNR proposal submissions are underway. Linda Naunapper is the contact person. If any current grants expire June 30, 2012, let Margaret or Linda know. Purchases on Hatch funds require justification—a brief explanation of how the purchase will be used and/or how it is related to the Hatch account is needed.

Rodock: Undergraduate enrollment began today. To assist advisors Sara has prepared a schedule of courses regularly taken by FWE students. She also has copies of the advising guide. The 4-year plan of curriculum sheets are on the department's web site.

Gunther: Paul provided a handout of IT Updates. He pointed out that the new FWE web site will be open to the public on April 17. His handout included the web site for a critical patch from Microsoft.

Old Business:

Pauli provided an update on the Leopold Lecture featuring Steven Beissinger scheduled for April 13, 4 pm in 1520 Microbial Sciences.

Election of Faculty Senate representatives. Karasov reported that he received nominations for Scott Bowe and David Drake to represent Senate District 012. Ballots were distributed to eligible voters. Bowe and Drake each received 12 votes of 19 total and will serve as district representatives for another term.

New Business:

Nancy Langston announced that she has accepted a position at the Great Lakes Water Center at Michigan Tech. The position begins in the Fall of 2013.

Rodock requested approval for a change of prerequisites for Bot/Zool/FWE 460.

Motion: Langston (Drake) moved to require students to take a Quantitative Reasoning A course prior to taking a Quantitative Reasoning B course. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Karasov described proposed building updates. The changes would improve the building's ventilation system and energy efficiency. The work is done floor by floor and occupants would be required to vacate the floor while the renovations are in progress. Each floor would take 3-6 months. The work could begin in May 2013 at the earliest and must be completed by 2016. The current plan would affect mainly the Russell tower and only occupants on the 2nd floor of the FWE wing. He will keep the department informed as more information becomes available.

Brendan Reid made a request on behalf of the FWE graduate students. Reid noted that the department currently does not have a comfortable space for graduate students to gather informally. Possible space for this use is the lunchroom or the building foyer. Van Deelen, a member of the space committee, offered to meet with the students to devise a plan.

Rissman announced a new graduate student course (875) she is co-teaching in the fall titled Approaches to Socio-ecological Analysis.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm (Karasov/Drake)