



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

Present: Allison, Berkelman, Bowe, Dunbar Carpenter, Drake, Leslie Freehil, Karasov, Kruger, Christina Locke, Lorimer, Lutz, Miron, Nack, Pauli, Pidgeon, Radeloff, Ribic, Rickenbach, Rissman, Rodock, Samuel, Townsend, VanDeelen, Webster

Absent: Gower, Langston, Mladenoff, Ozdogan, Peery, Radeloff, Zuckerberg

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

Agenda and Minutes.

Karasov requested any updates/additions to the agenda. There being none, he requested any changes/corrections to the minutes from the May 1, 2012 meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote (Rickenbach/Drake).

Reports and Announcements.

Webster: The Hatch deadline is Sept. 14. If anyone is closing budgets on current funding, contact Linda Naunapper or Margaret if you have questions. See Linda or Margaret if you have questions regarding tuition remission. A draft of the recent internal audit of the department is finished and being edited. CALS now does monthly audits of the department. Welcome to Alyson Amenda, newly hired financial specialist located in 284 Russell Labs.

Rodock: Undergrads must sign up through Laurie for internship credits. Let Sara know if you are recruiting new graduate students.

Old Business:

What's on the Horizon: Karasov gave a presentation summarizing events in the recent past and upcoming for the university as a whole, in CALS, and in the department. He requested advice on how to proceed in exploring whether the department should pursue Education Innovation options. After brief discussion the decision was made to invite Brad Barham, the CALS point person for Education Innovation, to speak at an upcoming department meeting.

New Business:

Departmental Self-Assessment: Karasov announced that the department is required to conduct a self-assessment. Leslie Freehil has been hired as a Project Assistant to help with the project.

Leslie was in attendance and introduced herself as an M.S. Environmental Resources and Law graduate student. The assessment is scheduled to be completed by the end of the fall semester 2012, and the departmental review will occur during spring semester 2013.

Department Committees for 2012-13: Karasov presented a table listing the members of the standing department committees. There are a couple of assignments yet to be made.

Graduate Student Representatives: Ph.D. graduate student Christina Locke announced the student representatives for the 2012-13 academic year. Returning reps include Locke, Autumn Sabo and Jennifer Stenglein. New reps are Dunbar Carpenter (in attendance), Becky Kirby and Max Henschell. Locke will work with Karasov to assign student reps to appropriate department committees.

New capstone course proposal—white-tailed deer management (FWE 577): Lutz requested that consideration of this item be postponed until the October meeting.

Proposed changes to FWE 306: Pidgeon presented the case for changing the number of credits for FWE 306 to 4 credits (from 3) and to lengthen the lab by 30 minutes to accommodate necessary lab activities.

Motion: Lutz (Berkelman) moved to approve the request to change the number of credits for FWE 306 to 4 and to lengthen the lab by 30 minutes. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Adjourn:

Drake (Rickenbach) moved to adjourn at 1:55 pm.