



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

**Present:** Bowe, Berkelman, Drake, Garcia, Kruger, Lorimer, Miron, Ozdogan, Pauli, Rickenbach, Rissman, Rodock, Samuel, Stanosz, Webster, Van Deelan, Volker, Zuckerberg

**Absent:** Gunther, Karasov, Lutz, Mladenoff, Peely, Pidgeion, Ribic, Schaeffer, Townsend

**1. Review agenda**

Rickenbach, associate chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm in 216 Russell Labs. There were no changes to the agenda.

**2. Approval of minutes**

Volker (Lorimer) moved to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2014, department meeting. Motion approved by voice vote.

**3. Reports and announcements**

Volker mentioned awards committee raising idea dissertation awards. These may take the shape of package awards for Ph.D. only. Berkleman requested a systematic way to integrate with graduate scholarship awards.

Potter: general update

Webster: (a) Receipts are needed for ProCards. With holidays approaching let us know who to talk to in your place. (b) Thank you for Hatch close out in November. (c) If you have any upcoming grants please let Luther and/or Webster know. In some cases there may be December 26<sup>th</sup> new deadline on grants.

Rodock: (a) Grading begins last day of classes, reminder for all classes need grades. (b) Dean Sarah Pfatteicher has requested students working in labs for pay or credit; not just volunteers. There was further discussion on a voluntary agreement. (c) If you plan on admissions, recruiting for summer or fall let Rodock know. (d) CommB designation for Rissman's FWE 515 course has been approved through course proposal.

Prof. Ellen Damshen (Zoology) invited the department to join in joint graduate student poster session recruiting with Zoology, Botany, and Madison Ecology Group. Graduate School recruiting funds are used to host a poster and video session for incoming interested grad

candidates. There are travel awards available – could be used for airfare, Lowell Center stay, per diem if available. This event Thursday, February 12, 3-5 Union South and faculty and graduate students are encourage to take advantage of this (e.g., student submit posters, faculty schedule prospective students during this time, etc.). Samuel suggested the FWE grad committee discuss.

Action item for Graduate Affairs Committee: Does Department want to be a co-sponsor (to include resources) the event in 2016?

**4. Old business** (none)

**5. New business**

Important dates – Timme event, December 18<sup>th</sup>, Lunch 11:30 to 1:00

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> All College meeting in Microbial Science, 3:00 to 4:30

FWE strategic planning meeting in Microbial Sciences, noon to 4:30 p.m.

Mentioned of bringing Forestry Industry financial support up at strategic planning.

Annual Forestry Club Christmas Trees sale this weekend, start at 8:00 a.m. Friday.

Forestry Capstone presentation at 12:00 on Friday 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn.** Drake (Bowe) moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:29 pm. Motion carried.