



Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology
Minutes of the Department Meeting
March 3, 2015

Present: Berkelman, Bowe, Garcia, Gunther, Johnston, Karasov, Kruger, Lutz, Mladenoff, Ozdogan, Pauli, Potter, Ribic, Rickenbach, Rissman, Rodock, Stanosz, Townsend, Van Deelen, Zuckerberg

Absent: Drake, Peery, Pidgeon, Radeloff, Samuel, Schaeffer, Webster

Meeting called by Karasov (Chair) 2:01 p.m. in A121 Russell

Review agenda

Karasov added budget updated and Grad Awards in new business

2. Approval of minutes

Approve minutes from previous meeting from February 3, 2015
Townsend (Rickenbach) moved, approved by voice consent.

3. Reports and announcements

Potter: Summer surveys – academic staff and graduate students

Potter on behalf of Webster: Let Laurie and Margaret know of upcoming grant proposals (esp. DNR) as we will be very busy with the USDA proposals for the next month and a half.

Also let them know that all fiscal year funds (including DNR) need to be spent out basically by the end of May with the fiscal year deadlines that June is really clean up and we can't guarantee spending in June will make it.

Rodock:

March 20 deadline to add classes for spring semester – be sure to add independent study student by this deadline.

If expecting, new grad students for summer or fall get in touch with Sara.

Gunther: Office 365 migration, be in touch with staff.

Increase in phishing attempts – do not give name and password to unknown source.

Karasov: Budget update shared with CALS Chair Meeting last week

\$91 million cut, a general picture emerging
Anticipating a \$91 M cut, reduce by half to \$45 M
Tuition increase for out of state/professional
Tuition remission to go up \$1,000 per semester
Tax on Program Revenue 136 up to 5% and 131 EI accounts
For CALS means – 4% in year 1, 6.5% in year 2
Campus may only accept cuts to positions
Picture unclear about fall 2015 faculty hires

Karasov: Miron announcement faculty annual reports due tomorrow.

4. Old business

Discussion of document “Grad Overarching Learning Goals” – Chris Ribic & Sara Rodock

Looking particularly at Wildlife Ecology master’s program – adapt these to Forest Ecology

Assessments mean what do you require all students to do to achieve this learning goal

Six learning goals to be voted on for WE master’s and doctoral next faculty meeting

5. New business

Instructional Laboratory Modernization Call for Proposals 2014-15 - Karasov
Was distributed to department in earlier email from 02/21/2015

Discussion of what to update in A120 classroom, cascade existing IT equipment to other instructional uses

Use of Co-op Unit Vehicles – Ribic

\$.20 per mile as a chargeback

Driving vehicles – Ribic purchased 10 licenses to get federal rate. If using this summer (camps), you must take online driving test.

FWE 550/551 Townsend reconfigured class, size will be considerably smaller. Test bed for grad for real teaching experience. Let Townsend know if interested in teaching by grads and a TA opportunity. Management enrollment to be certain all FWE students get it.

Karasov: Grad Awards

Three awards in recent

Terry Amundson award – disease ecology

Two best dissertation deadline – March 31

McCabe/Keith Award – reconfigured \$1,000 award to grad in Wildlife

Green Tree Garden Club – Grad Award

Existing Award Committee, Grad Program Committee, or Ad-Hoc Committee

Suggestion of formalized awards ceremony/event

Adjourn. Adjourn the meeting at 2:55 pm. Motion carried.