



**Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology**  
Minutes of the Department Meeting  
April 17, 2015

**Present:** Berkelman, Bowe, Drake, Garcia, Johnston, Karasov, Kruger, Lutz, Ozdogan, Pidgeon, Potter, Radeloff, Ribic, Rissman, Rodock, Townsend, Zuckerberg

**Absent:** Mladenoff, Pauli, Peery, Rickenbach, Samuel, Stanosz, Schaeffer, Van Deelen, Webster

Meeting called by Karasov (Chair) 2:01 p.m. in 216 Russell

**Review agenda**

Karasov added budget update and Grad Awards in new business

**2. Approval of minutes**

Approve minutes from previous meeting from March 3, 2015

Lutz (Mutlu) moved, approved by voice consent.

**3. Reports and announcements**

Potter: Lab HR templates, to be rolled out in near future as Google Spreadsheet. This is to be shared with Russell HR and Lab PI and/or manager to track hiring, personnel, and staff funding in Labs.

IT Flow Chart shared. Trying to get the Russell IT Department organized to be better at customer service and organization. Flow Chart to be shared via the Russell KnowledgeBase.

Potter on behalf of Webster: End of the year approaching. Grant closing details, see Webster.

Rodock:

Grad Recruiting please work with Rodock given the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Karasov:

Eduardo Santana to be in Madison, would like to meet with FWE faculty members on Monday, May 11 or Wednesday, May 13. Looking for collaborations. Noon either of those days, Monday preferred.

#### **4. Old business**

Discussion of document “Grad Overarching Learning Goals” – Townsend and Rodock Forestry Grad program. Building from Wildlife Ecology work.

Discussion of details on working document for MS in Forestry.

Rodock: Reminder that assessments mean: what do you require all students to do to achieve this learning goal. General idea for assessments is to base new decisions and discussions next year. All that needs to be included for this year is learning goals.

The assessments will remain in the draft document as talking points for the future.

Karasov Grad Award Committee  
Van Deelen, Rissman, Pidgeon, Samuel (Chair)

Green Tree Garden Club – Grad Award  
Terry Amundson award – disease ecology  
Two best dissertation deadline – April 15  
McCabe/Keith Award – reconfigured \$1,000 award to grad in Wildlife

Budget Update  
Remaining 101 funding – solve a pending problem  
To solve a tuition remission issue with FY15, set up an appointment with Potter by April 15, 2015

Applies to Bowe, Drake, Karasov, Lutz, Pauli, Peery, Pidgeon, Radeloff, Ribic, Rissman, Townsend, and Zuckerberg

FY16 Budget Discussion  
Small cut  
What to do with RA budget?  
Competitive  
Similar to last year, allocated by chair  
Give some to TA Support

Radeloff: Other ideas could include under-represented groups’ recruitment, or investment to start collaborative efforts

Karasov to bring the collection of ideas together and summarize for next meeting.

#### **5. New business**

Discussion of FWE 410 course proposal change; and new course FWE 411.  
Principles of Silviculture: currently course has an optional lab and 3 or 4 variable credits. This proposal splits the lab to FWE 411 (a new course) to make registration easier.

Motion from Committee, passed unanimously by voice vote

Discussion of FWE 424 – Wildlife Summer Camp

Adjust two credit course to be part of the ecology breadth requirement or Wildlife Resources elective in the Natural Resources track.

Motion from Committee, passed unanimously by voice vote

Faculty Senate in District 12– two current FWE senators are ending. This meeting is the official three weeks’ notice for ballot and election. Bring nominations to Chair.

CALS APC Representative Structure.

FWE matched with Entomology and Dept. of Soil Science in Division, showed staggered election cycle between the three Dept.

Refurbishment and upgrade for second floor computer lab. Generally approved for explore upkeep and new computers by Pauli.

Refurbishment and upgrade for 104 has been approved.

**Adjourn.** Adjourn the meeting at 3:10 pm. Motion carried.