



Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology
Minutes of the Department Meeting
November 9, 2015

Present: Berkelman, Drake, Gunther, Johnston, Karasov, Kruger, Lutz, Ozdogan, Pidgeon, Potter, Ribic, Rickenbach, Rissman, Sabo, Stanosz, Townsend, Van Deelen, Webster and Zuckerberg

Absent: *Bowe, Mladenoff, Peery, Pauli, Radeloff, Samuel,*

Meeting called by Rickenbach (Chair) 1:00 p.m. in 216 Russell

Review agenda

2. Approval of minutes

Approve minutes from previous meeting from October 5, 2015
Karasov (Lutz) moved, approved by voice consent.

3. Reports and announcements

Rickenbach: Department planning sent out and will be continued for January 2016 retreat.

Potter: Office moves target date – start of Spring Semester January 15, 2016.

Webster: Pcard training completed by end of November. Reminder about subcontract agreements to Eric Nelson and Webster. Grants coming via the holidays let Laurie Luther and Webster know. Some travel updates reviewed. Any old travel – have to be cleared by the end of the year. Pcard all receipts turned in on time last pcard week.

Student driver's authorization question: if UW students drive independently to a department field trip – what is the UW liability?

From Risk Management:

Risk Management has always taken the position that if the trip is required for the class or the degree or has credit assigned to it, the professor must provide transportation to the site and back.

Only non-credit, not required for class or degree trips can the professor ask the students to drive their own vehicles.

When someone (regardless of their status on campus) drives their own vehicle for UW business, they must be approved through Risk Management. Additionally, their personal car insurance is primary and the State will not step in until the personal auto policy has been exhausted for liability. There is no coverage under the State for damage to your personal vehicle, regardless of who is at fault for the accident.

Gunther: Office 365 forced migration happening by the end of the year. Introduction of John Slaybaugh, new Hub employee IT Help Desk.

Rickenbach: Rate-based method for graduate assistant pay. IDCs discussion with Rick Lindroth to determine how handled with CALS and Campus-level.

Old Business

Hub budget review - Drake & Potter

Overview of FY16 funding and FY15 supply spending, and teaching budgets

101-4 RA allocations

Options discussed for allocating RA within the Department.

101 RAs come with tuition remission and fringe provided.

Flexibility to MS and PhD students

Discussion to use to cultivate diversity award.

New course – FWE 577 Van Deelen: Complexity and Conservation for White-tailed Deer

Fall Capstones for undergraduates

Motion to approve by Kruger (Lutz). Approved to proceed by voice vote.

CALS call for position January 2016 deadline. Department to promote Silviculture Position.

New business

Deans visit to December department meeting

If you have questions, to Rickenbach by Monday, November 16th

Joint graduate degrees & committees (Stanosz)

Discussion of the three types of the degrees and process:

Double degrees

Dual degrees

Joint degrees

Is an affiliate with the department, able to create a joint degree on behalf of the department?

Kararsov: since an affiliate can act as a degree committee for the department, this must be true.

What about tenure home and committee structure?

Graduate School Recruiting Funds.

Adjourn. Drake (Karasov) motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m. Motion carried.