



**Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology**  
Minutes of the Department Faculty Meeting  
February 9, 2016

**Present:** Berkelman, Drake, Erker, Evans, Johnston, Karasov, Pauli, Peery, Pidgeon, Potter, Radeloff, Ribic, Rickenbach, Sabo, Stanosz, Townsend, Webster, Zuckerberg

Meeting called by Rickenbach (Chair) 2:00 p.m. in 216 Russell.

**1. Approval of December 2015 and January 2016 Retreat minutes**

Motion to approve January retreat minutes (Berkelman/Radeloff) unanimously approved.

December minutes to be approved in March 2016.

**2. Review agenda**

There were no changes to the agenda.

**3. Announcements**

UW Achievement in Outstanding Advising Ugrad – awarded to Sara Rodock

Potter: Staffing updates – Instrument Maker recruitment closes 02/12/2015.  
Permanent HR Assistant closed last week, interviews in future.

Webster: Garrett Hamilton's last day is today. Send all items to Eric Nelson and Margaret.

Rodock: Last few weeks to add courses.

Rickenbach – Update from Chair's chat. Blended learning update.

Reminder about lunch with Jodi Wickham UWF contact

Annual Reports needed to Mary Miron.

Status of RA update –

Discussion about plan to spend current FY16 available resources for RA funding

Result will be 1 \$2,000 salary/tuition funding for requesting faculty and an additional 1 for faculty who have requested more than 1 in request.

Discussion of FY16 ILM funding, spent in FY15 for computer lab A120 replacements. This action leaves available funding to be spent for lab modernization in FY16.

Chair voting for AY17 sent out last week, due by March 4, 2016.

Staffing plan

#### **4. Old Business**

Silviculture position submitted to CALS

Graduate program assessments (Ribic)

Ribic gave overview of learning goals and need to assess them. This must be done by faculty. Gave an example of a rubric to potentially be adopted. Need at least one direct assessment. Rodock – This assessment can be reviewed and updated annually; this does not have to be final. Ribic/Rickenbach to attend training on learning goals and assessments next week.

Ugrad Affairs Committee to potentially work with ENTO and PP. Grad Affairs Committee to work on grad program after Ribic training.

GFEC request to meet – April 8, 2016 meeting 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. – chairs of Grad Affairs Committee.

#### **5. New Business**

Budget reduction for 2016-2017

FWE cut ~\$1,700 which was about .5%. This is the first time CALS used metric credit follows instructor and previous cuts.

Hub cut was ~\$16,000 which was about 2%.

CALS Award Nominations (Radeloff, Stanosz)

Perry for Pound Research Award Nomination

Bowe for Pound Extension Award Nomination

Rissman for Teaching Award

Motion to approve all nominations (Karasov/Radeloff)

Forestry Graduate Awards Proposal

Pidgeon: Reported on Outstanding Forestry Award, Best Paper Award.

Awards to be \$1,000 or \$1,500 depending on available gift funding.

To be put on agenda for March faculty meeting.

**Adjourn.** Rickenbach adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.