



Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology
Minutes of the Department Faculty Meeting
April 18, 2018

Present: Berkelman, Cole, Johnston, Karasov, Kruger, Mladenoff, Nack, Ozdogan, Pidgeon, Radeloff, Ribic, Rickenbach, Rissman, Rodock, Townsend, Van Deelen, Wipperfurth, Zuckerberg

Meeting called to order by Rickenbach (Chair) 1:30 pm in A216 Russell.

1. Welcome
2. **Approval of March faculty meeting minutes** –Berkelman/Karasov moved/seconded, unanimously approved.
3. **Reports and announcements**

Cole: Don't forget to hand in summer salary document if you received the hard copy in your mail Box.

Wipperfurth: FP&M has promised us a timeline document for the rest of the HVAC remodel project. Right now, the basement is having cold air blown in which is not ideal with the cold weather we are currently experiencing. The 4th and 5th floor are continuing to be worked on and the 4th floor should be almost complete. The 2nd floor will be worked on in the late summer/early fall as the 1st floor will be done over the summer and begin as soon as classes end this spring. The computer lab remodel will begin when classes end as well. Berkelman asked what kind of noise interruptions he should be aware of since he will be teaching a 4 week course beginning May 22nd from 10:20am – 12:20 pm each day near the remodel. Wipperfurth will check with FP&M folks. If the computer lab remodel is complete by the fall semester, Townsend may try and move his class over from the Animal Sciences building.

Rodock: Make sure that you are communicating with Sara about any fall graduate students starting in August.

Rickenbach: A memo that was sent to the VCRGE and the grad school dean and signed by Rickenbach and Pauli was made available to the faculty before this meeting. The memo is asking for help in crafting a mechanism to provide graduate training in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB) and was sent on April 17th, 2018.

Rickenbach will be changing the date of the May meeting – look for an email from him. Two of our students received National Science Foundation graduate fellowship awards Rickenbach thanked Radeloff and Pauli for their work on the Leopold Lecture and inviting the guest presenter (Rolf O. Peterson).

Stuart Seaborne He works with Ray Guries (retired) and has an office in room AB19. He expertise is in tree improvement and tree genetics. He is in charge of 16 separate tree plantings and does a lot of traveling. He specializes in 5 native species, production and pathology. He invites the faculty to partner with him to give credit/experience to students to come work with him and the USFS and the DNR. The students could do data collection, cone harvesting, grafting, and future planting planning. He studies 2 kinds of pine, white spruce, and black walnut. Rodock

said there was a good possibility that this could be put together – a teaching experience of students that also give them credits towards their degrees. Rodock will email with Seborn.

4. **Old Business**

4.1 **Forest Ecology Position Update** – Sarah Hart has a letter of offer from us and has until this coming Friday to respond. Space is an issue that Rickenbach and Bill Barker will discuss and it is likely that Hart won't move forward until we have a plan for her partner.

4.2 **Forest Ecology Partner Update -**

Preston gave a presentation and the comments that were heard were generally favorable. We will be discussing this further at the EC meeting.

4.3 **CALS redesign, department structure** –

F&WE is looking at Ento and/or soils as partners. Perhaps C&ES? A concept document is due to CALS by end of May. We are not being asked to pursue a merger and we are not interested in a merger. Rickebach asked for faculty to volunteer to form a committee to assist in looking at possible collaboratives. Rissman, Kruger, and Drake volunteered.

5. **New Business - none**

6. Move to Adjourn by unanimous agreement. Adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Donna Cole