



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

Present: Berkelman, Cherwin, Cole, Drake, Gunther, Johnston, Karasov, Kruger, Mladenoff, Ozdogan, Nack, Pauli, Pidgeon, Ribic, Rickenbach, Stanosz, Townsend, Van Deelen, Zuckerberg,

Meeting called to order by Rickenbach (Chair) 12:00 pm in 216 Russell.

1. **Welcome**
2. **Approval of December meeting minutes** – Karasov/Kruger moved/seconded, unanimously approved.

3. **Reports and announcements**

Cole reported that she had met with CALS grants managers and asked which F&WE faculty do a really good job of putting their grant applications together and in a timely manner. Radenoff and Pauli are the winners! Everyone else should model their grantsmanship on those 2! There seems to be an uptick in cockroach sighting in the building. Please close all your food containers tightly. Cole also gave an update that the HVAC project is moving from 3rd floor to 4th floor soon and that the partial 1st floor project will be done by the time spring semester begins.

Gunther reported on the A228 classroom instructor laptop – you will log in with your Russell Labs user name and password. Let us know if there is additional software that you will need for the spring semester. Data.wisc.edu – a new point of collaboration for all UW data.

Chair Report- Rickenbach

Increases in salaries that were approved in the State budget will start to go into effect. We should expect a 2% pay raise in July of 2018 and another 2% raise in July of 2019. This will be for all faculty and staff.

Tomorrow (Friday) we will be receiving an email from the CALS Dean with the plan for the CALS redesign. There will be a CALS Chair's meeting on Monday to discuss the plan and the timeline.

There was some feedback from campus on the post tenure proposal document that was submitted by Mark. Mark will look at the document this coming summer and incorporate the feedback and resubmit.

4. **Old Business**

- 4.1 **Forest Ecology Faculty Search – Kruger**

Four finalists have been identified by the hiring committee. The information on the 4 is available in box for all faculty to review. The executive committee will be having a final vote to move forward with invitations at today's meeting. Eric thanked the search committee members and especially Rissman for stepping in at the last minute. He also thanked Cole and Tricia Check (Horticulture ADM) for their assistance. There was some discussion about how the committee made their decisions on the 4 finalists.

4.2 Co-op unit vice-Samuel Position

Ribic gave a report that the hiring has been approved and there will be a DNR search committee formed. F&WE will have representation on the committee. This hire will happen within 90 days. Please let Mark know if you would like to serve on the committee.

4.3 Ugrad majors consolidation

The name for the major has yet to be determined for the Ento/F&WE combination.

4.4 Summer term teaching

Rickenbach, Pidgeon, Rissman have met to discuss. It would be good to have a course that reflects forest and wildlife ecology. Better enrollment has been found in the past with online courses, hence more money back to the department. Perhaps a class with 4-6 modules with various faculty team teaching? How about a general services course? Van Deelen mentioned that he has MOOC materials that could be plugged into this new course easily. We are trying to plan for summer of 2019 and we can also use campus resources to assist us in putting together course materials.

5. New Business

5.1 New faculty advisor for WI SCB

Karie Cherwin volunteered to become the advisor and Craig Johnston said he would be happy to help if Karie had any questions.

5.2 Faculty Senators

We need to have 2. Ozdogan and Pidgeon were serving. Rissman is currently serving. Please let Rickenbach know if you are interested. The meetings are monthly – first Monday at 3:30 pm at Bascom Hall.

5.3 TA allocation process

1 total FTE for the 18/19 Fiscal year. Rickenbach is using some additional funding for RAs to pay for TAs. This may change with the new CALS Associate Dean hire. A discussion was had about the difference between graders and TAs.

5.4 Forestry PhD exit survey – table until next month's meeting. Ozdogan has done about 6 exit interviews and he will compile that information for next meeting.

5.5 Instruction Lab Modernization rfp

We could use this mechanism to receive money for equipment purchases, capital construction projects like renovations. Rickenbach will check with CALS to see if we could use this for remodel.

Rickenbach reminded all faculty of the new syllabi requirements for campus. Berkelman mentioned that there are several templates that you can use to copy/paste or you can simply upload the syllabus. These are due by February 2nd – all Spring 2018 classes.

Rickenbach also mentioned that the Society of American Foresters has granted the department a 10-year renewal on our accreditation – great news!

Adjourn 12:40 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Donna Cole