



Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology
Minutes of the Department Faculty Meeting
May 9, 2017

Present: Alison, Berkelman, Bowe, Drake, Erker, Gunther, Karasov, Mladenoff, Nack, Ozdogan, Pauli, Peery, Pidgeon, Potter, Radeloff, Rickenbach, Sabo, Smith, Townsend, Van Deelen, Webster, Wipperfurth, and Zuckerberg

Meeting called by Rickenbach (Chair) 12:00 p.m. in 216 Russell.

Russell air handlers project UW Facilities staff Cindy Statz and Kurt Bellman gave overview of planned air handler replacement project, to start in Russell Labs in June 2017.

1. Approval of April minutes

Motion to approve minutes from April 11, 2017 (Ozdogan/Drake). Motion unanimously approved.

2. Review agenda

3. Announcements

Potter: Hires in transition point into summer information needed. HR job walkthrough coming in May

Webster: End of the fiscal year. Hatch updates from FN, supplies to be spend by mid-August.

Wipperfurth: Ordering large lab equipment and let crew know.

Gunther: Google doc phishing scan.

Rickenbach: Faculty grants and sabbatical information sent.

Presented Peery for the Pound Research Award.

4. Old Business

Wildlife Ecology graduate program prerequisites – Van Deelen

Discussion of committee conversation

Motion to change prerequisite for Wildlife Ecology prerequisites to reflect suggested changes submitted except to change bullet three to “one course in animal biology (e.g., ...)” and strike “botany from example list.” (Van Deelen/Peery). Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on degree requirements

Motion to change degree requirements for Wildlife PhD to reflect revised language below. (Van Deelen/Peery)/. Motion passed unanimously.

Wildlife Ecology Ph.D. students are required to obtain a M.S. degree (or equivalent) prior to enrolling in the Ph.D. program. Exceptions will be made for applicants that have received fellowships from fellowship programs that cover multiple years of tuition and stipend (e.g. NSF’s Graduate Research Fellowship Program, EPA’s Science to Achieve Results Graduate Fellowship Program, NASA’s Earth and Space Science Fellowship Program) or for exceptionally well-qualified candidates based on prior research experience and academic excellence. Current M.S. students that receive any such fellowships will be eligible to enroll in the Ph.D. program. Advisor approval and Graduate Student Affairs committee approval are required in all cases.

5. New Business

Department Retreat planning update

Retreat with Office of Quality Improvement in August to discuss CALS Redesign. Doodle Pool and subject survey to come.

Post-tenure review changes

CALS release new post tenure review standards. Once piece missing is performance ranking for meeting expectations.

Adjourn. Motion (Townsend/Karasov) to adjourned the meeting at 12:58 p.m. Unanimously approved.