

**Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology**  
Department Meeting Minutes for January 31, 2012

**Present:** Berkelman, Bowe, Drake, Karasov, Kruger, Langston, Lutz, Miron, Nack, Ozdogon, Pauli, Peery, Pidgeon, Radeloff, Ribic, Rickenbach, Rissman, Rodock, Sabo, Townsend, Van Deelen, Webster, Zuckerberg

**Absent:** Gower, Lorimer, Mladenoff, Samuel

Bill Karasov (Chair) called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm in 216 Russell Labs.

**Agenda and Minutes.**

Karasov requested any changes/corrections to the minutes from the Dec. 5, 2011 meeting (none). Minutes were approved as presented (Drake/Langston).

**Reports and Announcements.**

**Webster:** CALS needs to have grant applications a week prior to the submission deadline. Hub staff needs the applications at least a couple of days to a week before they are due at CALS.

**Rodock:** Undergraduate advisors who have not yet completed Advisor Notes should talk to Sara about completing the 20-30 minute training session. Faculty who are recruiting masters or Ph.D. students for the summer or fall semester should let her know.

**Romulo Ribon,** from the Universidade Federal de Viçosa, Minas Gerais, Brazil, presented the possibility of developing an agreement of academic exchange and cooperation between the UW-Madison and his university. An agreement was in place back in the 1990s and his university is interested in creating a similar agreement. He will provide Timme with information to distribute to members of the department and welcomes further discussion about potential areas of mutual benefit.

**Old Business:**

**Rickenbach** reported on the status of the forest management position. All vacant positions have been put on hold until the new dean is here and can be involved in prioritizing the positions. He estimates a decision in March and likely five positions will be approved.

**Drake** reported that the post-Craven Extension position is on hold until Extension receives word about federal funding.

**New Business:**

**Leopold Lecture/Seminars Update (Pauli):** This year's Leopold Lecture will be Friday, April 13, 2012. The speaker is Steve Beissinger, University of California, Berkeley. Besides a reception and lecture Beissinger will be available to meet with students and faculty. The department thanks the committee members, Jon Pauli, Volker Radeloff, Jennifer Stenglein and Matt Reetz, for their efforts:.

**Department Seminars (Pauli):** Seminars for the spring semester have been scheduled through the week before spring break.

**Department Discretionary Funds (Karasov):** On behalf of the department Karasov occasionally authorizes contributions to support organizations and activities that may benefit the department; e.g., National Association of Forest Research Resources programs, National University Association of Fish and Wildlife Programs, Wisconsin Ecology on the UW campus, and Darwin Day outreach symposium. The amounts are usually several hundred dollars up to \$1,000. Anyone with concerns or questions about these contributions should talk to Karasov.

**Future department meeting dates:** Karasov presented the dates for spring semester department meetings. At present meetings are scheduled for Tuesdays at 2 pm on Feb. 28, April 10 and May 1.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 pm (Langston, Rickenbach)