



Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology
Department Meeting Minutes for May 1, 2012

Present: Allison, Berkelman, Bowe, Gower, Karasov, Kruger, Lorimer, Miron, Mladenoff, Nack, Ozdogan, Pauli, Peery, Pidgeon, Radeloff, Ribic, Rickenbach, Rodock, Stenglein, Timme, Townsend, VanDeelen, Webster, Zuckerberg

Absent: Drake, Langston, Lutz, Rissman, Samuel

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

Agenda and Minutes.

Karasov requested any updates/additions to the agenda. There being none, he requested any changes/corrections to the minutes from the April 10, 2012 meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote (Mladenoff/Pidgeon).

Reports and Announcements.

Timme: Sheila thanked those who responded to her query about summer session and summer service. Watch your email for invitations to sessions inviting input on the human resources redesign.

Webster: Margaret reminded everyone that the end of the end of the fiscal year is very near. Any travel and purchases should be submitted by the end of May to make sure they clear in the current fiscal year. Any DNR multi-year supported grants require a new plan for each year of the contract using updated figures. Contact Linda Naunapper if you have questions.

Rodock: Sara requested faculty members respond to her email for information about Ph.D. students who received their degrees in the past five years. This info will be useful in securing funds to support grad student recruitment.

Gunther: Not present. However, Bowe commented that the printer in A120 was having what appears to be a network problem. Karasov will relay the problem to Gunther.

Old Business:

New Faculty Positions in CALS: Karasov reported that four faculty positions have been approved to be filled: Animal Science/Dairy Science, Horticulture, Bacteriology, and Entomology. The requested FWE position was not approved.

Strategic Planning Process: Dean VandenBosch would like to form a strategic planning committee to map out CALS' future direction. If anyone is interested in serving on the committee, let Karasov know.

New Business:

Space Committee Report on Room 104 Updates: Mladenoff presented several possible configurations for updating Room 104. The best alternative seemed to be moveable desks placed in rows of 7 across and 6 or 7 deep. The possibility of changing the front to face the current back of the room was also discussed. The updated configuration would accommodate 42-49 desks (current seating is 63). The Committee will proceed with gathering information using the moveable desks plan.

On behalf of the Undergrad Curriculum Committee for Forest Science, Kruger recommended several changes to the Forest Science Curriculum.

Motion: Motion was made to accept the Curriculum Committee's recommendation to add another option to the core requirements of the Forest Science Curriculum to include both 375 Intro to Remote Sensing and 377 Intro to GIS (Rickenbach/Bowe). Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Motion: Forest Science majors must achieve a grade higher than D for the core courses (with the option to retake a course to earn an acceptable grade) in order to remain in the Forest Science program (Gower/Radeloff). Vote by show of hands: 17 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

Note that this change must also be approved by the CALS Curriculum Committee.

Proposal to name the wildlife teaching collection:

Motion: Nack, Pidgeon, and Drake moved that the department formally name the wildlife teaching collection (in the room across from the mail boxes on the second floor) the "Scott R. Craven Wildlife Teaching Collection." A plaque for the door will be made and paid for from general department funds. We propose this in recognition of Scott's many years of acquiring and curating the collection, his expertise in natural history, and his 30+ years of teaching Terrestrial Vertebrate Ecology. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Karasov announced that CALS is drafting a PVL for the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs and Services position (currently held by Interim Associate Dean Sarah Pfatteicher) They are accepting comments on the announcement through May 14.

Karasov announced an on-line course proposal process to begin the summer of 2012. Claudio Gratton in Entomology has proposed a Wisconsin Ecology certificate program. It's administrative home could be the Nelson Institute or possibly Botany/Zoology if they merge.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm (Rickenbach/Pidgeon)