



**Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology**  
Minutes of the Department Meeting  
March 4, 2014

**Present:** Bowe, Burnham, Drake, Garcia, Gower, Gunther, Karasov, Kruger, Lorimer, Lutz, Miron, Mladenoff, Nack, Ozdogan, Pauli, Pidgeon, Rissman, Timme, Townsend, Van Deelen, Webster, Zuckerberg

**Absent:** Peery, Radeloff, Ribic, Rickenbach, Samuel, Stanosz

Bill Karasov (Chair) called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm in 216 Russell Labs.

**Approval of Minutes.** Drake (Ozdogan) moved to approve the minutes of the Feb. 4, 2014 department meeting. Motion approved.

**Reports and Announcements**

**Admin Team:**

**Timme:** Sheila encouraged faculty on 9-month appointments to think about funding for summer salary. She will be creating a form for this purpose.

**Webster:** An NSF audit is scheduled but nothing is required of faculty at this time. When turning in receipts for Procards send to both Alyson Amenda and Garrett Hamilton to avoid delays in processing them.

**Gunther:** Gave an update on Windows XP. Support for this OS is no longer available. Machines running on this OS should either upgrade or disconnect from the network.

**Old Business**

**Update on Forest Economics and Risk Management position.** Karasov reported that Craig Johnston has been offered the position and they are working to complete a formal offer and start-up package.

**Lunchroom renovation.** Remodeling is moving along on schedule.

**Department review.** Karasov asked FWE staff to reserve April 8 and 10 for activities related to the department review (also April 15 and 17 if additional time is needed). Karasov asked for names of potential department stakeholders to provide the review committee. Suggestions should be emailed to Karasov.

**Development Committee.**

**Update on Drager-Monahan Fund.** Karasov provided an electronic copy of the MOU to faculty to review. Ed Drager has already approved and signed it. Karasov requested anyone wishing to make comments on the MOU send them to him within one week.

**McGovern Family Scholarship Fund.** The department has received a letter from Jill McGovern noting that she is adding \$150,000 to her bequest to the fund. The total amount will then be about \$500,000. Interest from the fund is used for student scholarships.

**Ad hoc committee on salary merit.** Will report at the April department meeting.

**Update on CALS position requests.** Drake reported that the committee has exhausted potential partnership options for the vice-Craven position. So possible outcomes are a 50/50 CALS/Extension split, 40/60 CALS/Extension split, a 60/40 CALS/Extension nine-month salary split, or if the position is refused, funds could be directed to Nack's position.

**Proposals for Instructional Laboratory Modernization for 2014-15.** On behalf of the Space Committee, Van Deelen reported that they have one proposal in hand. Several other people indicated that they plan to submit proposals.

**New Business**

**Proposed revised research leadership structure at UW-Madison.** Karasov asked for any comments about the UW-Madison's proposal to create a position of Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies as well as Dean of the Graduate School. Several Town Hall meetings are scheduled for faculty and staff to discuss the topic. The Secretary of the Faculty plan to discuss this topic at its April meeting.

**Adjourn.** Drake (Kruger) moved to adjourn at 3:10 pm. Motion approved.