

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2013

Attendees: S. Marsh, B. Mannan, M. McClaran, R. Gimblett, E. deSteiguer, S. Papuga, S. Bonar, S. Archer, Lopez-Hoffman, L., K. Moroz, K. Hughes, M. Hough, C. Yamashita-Gill, A. Stewart

Minutes from May 8, 2013 approved as amended

S. Marsh Director's Report and update:

- Update on business office
- ENRB- 2: A. Honaman attends monthly construction meetings to review progress.
- Room 313: The room has been cleaned out. Four workstations will be setup. Room will be added as a possible meeting room on the SNRE room calendar.
- CALS Budgeting: S. Marsh met with Jeff Ratje the new Assistant Dean, Finance and Administration. J. Ratje will be assisting with the all funds budget reporting. S. Marsh will provide a spreadsheet with spending plan for 2013-2014 – only discretionary funds available to the School are in IDC.
- HODS hiring priorities: HODS could not come to agreement regarding a single spending plan for the CALS funds. The Dean does not want to split the funds evenly between CALS departments as seven HODS suggested.
- Provost Cluster Hires: Provost may have 1-9 million dollars for cluster hires. There was some discuss of a “big data” applied ecology position that SNRE could suggest.
- Website Data Needs
 - Need profile information, please send to Amber if you haven't already done so. The website is complete, just adding content to Academic area.
- SNRE Recruitment video: CALS covering \$8,000 for SNRE to develop an undergraduate recruitment video. The first shoot will take place the first week of September with several alumni and students. The second shoot will take place in a month or two.
- Remaining topics to be discussed at next SPC Meetings - September 4th
 - MDP Classes and New MOU
 - NPC and Sunnyside Facility
 - Faul Property
 - P&T-CE
 - On-line course development
 - Water, Society, Policy MS Actions
 - Desert Discovery Center Phoenix
 - On-line Class Development SNR 200 and SNR 160D

Special Topics

- New proposal routing processes to be implemented. CALS will begin preparing proposals with PI's. SNRE participating in this pilot with CALS. This will allow the business office more time to focus on budgets and other tasks. S. Marsh to email Faculty regarding this change.

- Strategic Planning Metrics: Discussion on changing the course prefixes for SNRE. This could include an ENV prefix.

Program Chair Reports- none

Standing Committee Reports-none

Ad-hoc Committee Reports-none

Additional Business

- S. Bonar on COOP hire: A hiring freeze remains so the position will be advertised again once the sequester lifts. The top two candidates from the initial round of interviews have since taken other positions.
- SNRE Back to School Event: Thursday, September 5th. S. Marsh would like Faculty to attend.
- Faculty Watering Wednesday's resuming at Social House. Graduate students will be invited to attend once a month.

Topics for upcoming meetings

- Strategic Planning Document Phase IV and V
- Budgeting FY 14
- Curriculum and Prefixes
- P&T/CE and PTR Integrated Document
- New Governance Document