Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 16, 2013


Minutes from September 25th approval pending final review

**S. Marsh Director's Report and discussion:**

- **ENR2 Launch Party October 24th.** SNRE contributed $500 to the event.
  - SPC decided there was not a need to have a table with promotional material.

- **New Grad College Information**
  - Deadlines for PhD. Dissertations have been extended.
  - GradPath will now have an action list showing pending transactions, an email will still be sent to transaction approvers.

- **RCM2**
  - Discussion regarding how Grad Students will or will not be counted.

- **DRAC Funding Opportunity**
  - SPC should encourage junior Faculty to submit an application.

- **Undergraduate minimum competencies committee.**
  - Focus of committee is on developing soft skills but they have requested a document reflecting our core technical competencies.
  - Draft document was reviewed by SPC. S. Marsh will add information related to the number of elective courses and experiential learning opportunities available under each program.
  - Document will be sent to competency committee next week.

- **Summer Teaching Revenue Received**
  - SNRE earned approximately $14,000 last summer. CALS will keep 30%, leaving SNRE with about $10,000 in revenue.
  - In summer 2014, RNR 200 and 160 will be taught. S. Marsh will send new course name to Faculty for review.

- **MGIST MOU**
  - Course revenue goes to a designated account to supplement those teaching the remote sensing course for the MGIST.
  - Geography Faculty are offered a buyout or $6,000 for teaching a course within the MGIST.
  - SPC approved MOU and the document will go to the Dean for signature.

**Special Topics**

- **Course Prefix wrap-up discussion**
  - S. Marsh will send a survey to Faculty regarding the final choices for prefixes and descriptions of SNRE Programs.

**Program Chair Reports- none**
Standing Committee Reports - none

Ad-hoc Committee Reports - none

Additional Business

- Reminder: November 6th, 5:00-6:30pm will be the first grad student/Faculty watering at the Social House.
- A design for the Faul Property sign has been selected. The sign will cost $1,350. This will be purchased with foundation account funds for the property.
- Faul property dedication ceremony to take place in Spring 2014
- S. Marsh met with Robert Casavant regarding the interaction between State Parks and SNRE. S. Marsh requested information from State Parks regarding available internship/volunteer opportunities that could be shared with SNRE students.
- Discussed development of a scholarship/travel funding program for junior Faculty and students. SPC approved giving $1,500 to Watershed club as this amount is given to other student clubs in SNRE on a yearly basis. Club advisors will grant funding as needed.

Topics for upcoming meetings

- Budgeting FY 14
- P&T/CE and PTR Integrated Document
- New Governance Document