

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes  
October 23, 2013

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

Minutes from October 16<sup>th</sup> approved as amended

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

- MDP MOA
  - MPD MOU came through, SNRE will receive \$800 for each course a student completes. There are three required courses for a total of \$2,400 for each student who completes the program. S. Marsh will sign MOA and send to the Dean for signature.
- Video Update
  - Mt. Lemmon filming was completed last week. Other filming today and Friday at Biosphere.
  - S. Marsh and W. Matter will not be in the video, instead a voiceover will be used to narrate.
- Results of Meeting with Associate Dean Winzerling
  - J. Winzerling does not expect changes to the amount of funding the department receives from summer teaching revenue
- Campaign for Common Sense
  - S. Marsh attended meeting
  - Discussed issue of the ASRS audit and the effect on departments and staff/students
- ENR2 Event Reminder
  - October 24<sup>th</sup>, please attend.

**Special Topics**

- SPFI Initiative and Potential Candidates
  - S. Marsh would like SNRE to pursue some of this funding. Suggestions are needed from all SNRE Programs regarding possible candidates. The goal is to submit candidate(s) for the Spring deadline.
- Thinking about a Senior Capstone Course and Soft Skills
  - Discussed possibility of including capstone project in course 384 or making 384 a lower level intro course for sophomores. S. Marsh will ask Curriculum Committee to start developing a plan to develop the capstone requirement for seniors.
  - Soft Skills requirements will be considered under each skill area, then goals and metrics will be developed. Faculty will then indicate how their courses incorporate these specific skills. Capstone Course should require integration of these Soft Skills into the final project.

**Program Chair Reports- none**

**Standing Committee Reports- none**

**Ad-hoc Committee Reports-none**

**Additional Business**

- Reminder: ENR2 Launch Party October 24<sup>th</sup>
- Reminder: November 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-6:30pm will be the first grad student/Faculty watering at the Social House.
- Faculty approved name change for RNR 200 to Conservation of Natural Environments
- Doug Beard, Chief, National Climate Change and Wildlife Sciences Center at USGS will be at the UA next Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. A seminar may be scheduled for Tuesday, more information to follow.
- Discussed ENV prefix for all SNRE courses and the possibility of using ENVR

**Topics for upcoming meetings**

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