School of Natural Resources and the Environment
Executive Committee – Strategic Planning Committee Agenda
September 4, 2013


Minutes from August 28, 2013 approved as amended.

S. Marsh Director’s Report and update:
- Update on MDP classes and new MOU. MDP funds were distributed to accounts that were set up for faculty use. Outreach College agreed that if an MDP student selects the Natural Resources specialist track, taking 3 regularly scheduled classes as an outreach section and we would receive $800/student for each class or $2,400 in total. These funds could then be used for TA support for our students.
- Update on NPC and Sunnyside Facility. The Dean has found a location on campus a few buildings from BSE to propose for a relocation site. Approval will come from the President.
- Update on Faul Property. Presented Mary Faul with progress on property. She is excited and approves our ideas for webcam for wildlife viewing, educational kiosks, and benches. We hope this will lead to another donation to bring the dollars in the account back to $100,000 which will give us $4000 a year for maintenance.
- Update on P&T-CE. C. Wissler, D. Tolleson, G. Garfin will be going up and R. Gallery and D. Moore will be up for 3 year review. S. Archer, B. Orr and B. Shaw (Chair) are reviewing.
- Update on On-Line Course Development SNR 200 and SNR 160D. S. Smith currently has a blended course, online and in person and will be test recording (voice w/powerpoint). B. Mannan and S. Smith will go through this process for review. Lots of prep work involved to determine how assignments will be handed in, grading, instructor of record but this is getting us started in the right direction.
- Update on Water, Society, Policy MS. E. deSteiguer has taken the lead and there are currently 5 M.S. students. Small enrollment and graduating class. Initiating discussions regarding perhaps moving the program out of SNRE and into the ALRS GIDP.
  - Value would be that the number of graduates’ requirement is different in a GIDP and it would be a feeder into the ALRS program. Process would be for the WSP faculty to agree on changes, then the ALRS program would need to make a commitment. Goal would be to make it more sustainable and give students more access to advisors.
- Attended a Dessert Discovery Center meeting with the Dean and Ed. Martin. The former Scottsdale mayor was also present. Scottsdale purchased land on McDowell Mountain via a bond that was voted on. The purpose was to create the Desert Discovery Center which could be a tourist attraction similar to the Desert Museum. 4-5 Scientists are doing research and have volunteers. Key faculty will meet with
Executive Board to brainstorm exciting ideas for the land. Possible payoff: 1) if it takes off-connect to corporate sources of support for faculty and students, 2) access to land for research 3) Dean and President see UA logo in Maricopa County.

- Dave Breshears sent an email regarding NEON Urban Interface. Urban sites meeting is every Thursday to brainstorm to ID 10 sites. S.Archer/D.Breshears contacts.

**Director's Report on Special Topics**
- **Strategic Planning Metrics Submission Deadline Sept. 9, 2013.**
  - Use Phase 3 and translate into new spreadsheet
  - Need input for metrics
  - Lead person responsible & accountable should be Director
  - Joy will update the academic information and Jeff from CALS Admin will provide financial information.
  - Discussed strategies, trends within SNRE, consequences and goals and impacts.
  - Engage extension
  - Grants and Contracts; 1) less people, 2) more demand, 3) competitive funding environment, 4) sequester
  - Organize order to show strengths and add *for Notes of explanation because trends fluctuate