

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2014

Attendees: S. Marsh, B. Matter, B. Mannan, S. Archer, B. Orr, S. Papuga, L. Lopez-Hoffman, A. Kilanowski, C. Yamashita-Gill, A. Stewart.

Minutes from February 12, pending approval

S. Marsh Director's Report and discussion:

- SNRE Awards Ceremony
 - Discussion on removing the Outstanding Faculty Achievement award from this year's program, SPC agrees that the award should continue.
 - BIZ will look into other venues, currently considering an off campus-location, Aussie Cantina.
 - Date has not been set
- 1885 Award Nominations
 - Mid-career Faculty award for research and outreach achievements.
 - Discussion on putting forth nominations for Papuga and Garfin
- Co-sponsorship of lecture by Diana Davis
 - Discussed co-sponsoring upcoming lecture in Middle Eastern Studies department.
 - SPC not in favor of donating funds
- Room 313 and Grads
 - Room 313- Agency Training room will also be available as extra space for grads who need computer access. Can also be used for graduate meetings.
- Request for Field Equipment for Measurements
 - SPC approved request to use instruction funds to pay for course equipment for RNR 321

Special Topics

- B. Matter on Results of Curriculum Committee Meeting
 - Discussion on issues relating to how many Faculty members needed on Minor advising committee, currently one is used.
 - Discussion on how many courses if any should be SNRE courses and if a minimum requirement should be developed.
 - B. Matter will email Faculty regarding this issue with further information on providing all plans of study to Katie.
 - Consideration of how to incorporate soft skills into curriculum. Requirements being developed regarding learning outcomes for undergrads. SNRE will need to implement and evaluate outcomes in the future.
 - Possible solution is developing a capstone course
 - Check which courses already meet these requirements once the standards are available.
 - S. Marsh has volunteered to offer soft skills training to undergrads if needed.
 - L. Lopez-Hoffman has received request from undergrads to include proposal writing/developing scopes of work in degree/course requirements.
 - M. McClaran Bart Cardon Fellows holding grad forum related to this topic in April, he will provide information when available so SNRE grads can sign up.

Program Chair & Division Reports- none

Standing Committee Reports- none

Ad-hoc Committee Reports-none

Additional Business

- Last Minutes not approved- S. Marsh will email SPC for approval

Topics for upcoming meetings

- New Governance Document