Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2014


Minutes from December 4th approved as amended

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

- **Website and Video Update**
  - Website soft launch went well. If there is any information that wasn’t transferred it can still be done, send requests to BIZ.
  - Video will go on website soon.

- **Fehmi Lab Space**
  - J. Fehmi will be given lab space in SNRE in the lab next to D. Christianson’s office

- **School Annual Review and Research Quality Metrics**
  - Annual Review materials sent to HODs.
  - Research Quality Metrics agreed on by HODs. Four metrics were created.
  - S. Marsh will develop logical weighting scheme will D. Breshears.
  - Discussion on impact factor and publications

- **Course Prefixes- How to proceed**
  - Three possibilities (NATR, SNRE, ENVR)
  - Vote planned for after next Faculty meeting

- **SPFI Hiring Initiative**
  - One suggestion has been submitted, S. Marsh requesting further input by Feb. 7th

- **All Funds Budget- Quarter 2 Submitted**

- **Grad Student Event(s) Possible Dates**
  - Next Grad Event scheduled for February after the seminar.

- **New NATS Course- RNR 107C1- Our place in Nature**
  - S. Smith’s new course has 132 students.

- **Online Course Development Proposal Accepted**
  - B. Mannan and S. Smith’s proposal for an online version of RNR 160D was accepted for the upcoming Fall.

- **Graduate Student Funding through Grants and Contracts**
  - FY 14/15 allotment from CALS for GTA’s was increased to $34K (from $19K).
  - FY 14/15 allotment from CALS for GTF was increased to $15K (from $10K).

- **Retreat**
  - Postponed to May when we will know more about RCM.

**Special Topics**

- **SNRE P&T and PTR Document Review**
  - Discussion on the new APR procedures developed by S. Marsh and B. Matter.
  - FSC suggestions needed before submitting to Faculty.
S. Marsh will send documents to FSC for review.

**Program Chair & Division Reports- none**

**Standing Committee Reports- none**

**Ad-hoc Committee Reports-none**

**Additional Business**
- UA Vitae will be presented by Robert Casler at next Faculty Meeting.

**Topics for upcoming meetings**
- SNRE Proposal Submission by Research Affiliates- Criteria/Concerns
- New Governance Document