

School of Natural Resources and the Environment

Executive Committee – Strategic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday November 8, 2019

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Attendees: J. Koprowski, R. Gallery, S. Bonar, D. Moore, K. Hughes, L. Howery, B. Steidl, S. Archer, G. Garfin, S. Washko, B. Krogsgaard, A. Stewart, L. Fera

- 1) Approval of minutes from previous meeting on Nov. 1
- 2) Director's report and discussion
 - a. Next meeting is Nov. 22
 - b. Questions on previous discussions – K. Hughes brought up the first-year experience and R. Gallery will discuss on Nov. 22. J. Koprowski will also be talking about the strategic plan.
 - c. University budget update - \$11,000 from perm budget cuts, expected to be worse next year
 - d. Spousal accommodation – will be here on the 14th and 15th of November. D. Breshears is trying to arrange a time for multiple people to talk to him.
 - e. SPFI – waiting for candidate to send her revised CV and then it will be distributed to the faculty.
- 3) New business
 - a. Dean's visit debrief – moving forward. J. Koprowski wants to demonstrate how the SNRE strategic plan fits with the university's strategic plan. R. Gallery recommended to discuss SNRE vision at faculty retreat with a facilitator. The dean sees SNRE as an opportunity to grow. Agriculture, natural resources are not included in the university's strategic plan.
 - b. Position updates – on hold. L. Howery and S. Archer will be discussing range position with J. Koprowski. Campus wide positions are now on hold. College wants to put together a data science package. J. Koprowski unclear if there will be a hiring freeze next year so we need to be ready for positions going forward. J. Koprowski would like a position with biodiversity, remote sensing, wildlife, policy combined – cluster approach. L. Howery emphasizes that the range position does fit with the strategic plan.
 - c. Space – renovations are going on in BSE and Shantz. ES is very interested in moving all their people together perhaps into BSE. J. Koprowski sent a counter-proposal forward that both ES and SNRE would be in one building. Perhaps NPC could possibly be moved into Shantz space. Moving some departments out of BSE and moving some labs out of BSE, both SWES and SNRE would be able to occupy BSE. J. Koprowski met with J. Chorover and P. Antin.