

**School of Natural Resources and the Environment
Executive Committee-Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
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Minutes approved from last meeting

1. Directors report and discussion
 - a. Next meeting- February 6
 - b. Budget update-Grad student funds for 2020-21 on February 3
 - i. Anticipating budget cut again next year.
 1. Quarterly leadership presentation-next few years will have cuts and RCM tax will increase.
 - ii. CALS is in better budgetary shape than most colleges. SNRE had the smallest cut. Size will not be a significant metric in upcoming cuts to CALS units.
 - iii. Pressure on colleges to share their budgets and spend funds that are available.
 - iv. 1st year PhD funds, anticipating same amounts as last year, John will be notified Feb. 3rd. Can only use funds for PhD recruiting.
 - c. AIREs moves forward- March 1st deadline for one or more options of proposed AIREs structure and a position description for the Director of AIREs. Send feedback to Dave Breshears.
 - d. April 4-Joel Sartore, Conservation Speaker Series- save the Date, Saturday, April 4. Start time TBD, anticipated start time 7pm.
 - e. Dual Degree approvals-reminder. MS in Public Policy with WSP and Public Administration with WSP have been approved.
 - i. Opportunity with Geography for a dual degree
 - ii. Suggestion with Public Health- some Doris Duke students have had a public health interest
 - f. SPFI-submission in end of February. Heather Bateman is very interested. John will share with faculty.
 - g. Spousal hire -Flurin Babst will start February 2021
 - h. POP was submitted for data science/quantitative
 - i. COOP Fish and Wildlife Research unit update- green light to hire another professor, will teach a graduate class. Ideal start date would be before October 1, 2020.
 - j. Position updates-still awaiting guidance. Anticipating updates in a few weeks.
 - k. Approaches for replacements- unit review with Mike Staten in CALS was positive.
 - i. Provost
 - ii. Cluster?
 - l. MOU for conservation campus dissolved. Still will build something but it won't have the residential component. Phoenix Zoo will still engage with SNRE for students, such as scholarships.
 - m. Development update- Finkelstein family starting a scholarship. Last few months the school has received about \$200k in donations.

- i. Schwalbe's endowing a \$1000 annual award for SNRE staff
 - ii. About \$25,000 for GALS program
- 2. New Business
 - a. WSME and GCEM program idea
 - b. BS Ecotourism
 - c. MS in WSP microcampus
 - d. MS in Environmental Management-on-line with SGD, ENVS
 - e. Save the date-SNRE Faculty Retreat-May 7th at University Marriott
 - f. Grad student updates
 - i. Happy hour
 - ii. Volleyball
 - iii. Mentors for new grad students
 - iv. Earthweek April 6th-10th. Grad student lightning talks will have awards this year.
 - 1. Discuss grad student agreement February 6th SPC, incorporate grad workload requirements from the Grad College
 - v. Safety issues
 - 1. Wilderness first aid dates
 - 2. Field driving safety- check with motorpool