

School of Natural Resources and Environment
Staff and Faculty Meeting Agenda
Monday October 7, 2019
2:00-3:00 PM – ENR2 N450

In Attendance: J. Koprowski, L. Howery, D. Quanrud, J. Fehmi, E. Gornish, B. Smith, D. Moore, J. Buizer, S. Archer, J. Soto, C. Wissler, J. Weiss, P. Guertin, K. Hartfield, D. Falk, R. Gallery, J. Heffelfinger, D. Breshears

Kudos to Scott Bonar who was elected President of American Fisheries Society

Director's Quick Updates

- Dean's visit of 5 November at 10:30 am
- Position updates – Rangeland Conservation position approved at CALS, waiting on approval from Provost
- Updates on the Environment and the Strategic Plan: future of IE unclear; Central Administration is reviewing the many centers that report to RDI
- Assessment: J. Soto summary
 - Solid first draft ready to be deployed to students
 - 28 questions; language cleaned up
 - 8 grads will take as post-assessment
 - Need to identify a point person for the survey if students have questions (K. Hughes)
- Conservation campus – MOU nearing completion
- BS in Ecotourism strawman nearing completion

New Business

- Budget for coming 2 years in CALS will likely be a deficit
 - Debates among the HODS re: debt allocation and unit size
 - SNRE and other larger units may write a minority opinion against size metric
 - RCM calculation may change – TBD
 - SNRE leads in research dollars, grad SCH, 4th or 5th for UG SCH and Majors
- UCAP mapping (approx. \$1.4M deficit for CALS)
 - Classified staff in SNRE in need of adjustment need to be covered by SNRE
 - Soft money deficits are covered by grants or FTE adjustments, not SNRE
 - All classified staff should have been informed of their classification (UA Box)
 - Have 5 years to bring it in line
- Focus on SNRE student retention
 - Developing programs for first year experience
- Getting positions
 - SPFI – establish SNRE committee & target a need
 - Spousal accommodation (ENVS hire) w/possible 49% LTRR
 - Startup funds may no longer be 1/3: Central Admin, CALS, Unit – depends on alignment with priorities, no startup available for this candidate
 - Excellent candidate; does a lot of geospatial analysis; ArcGIS teaching potential; lots of general support from faculty

- Acknowledgement that candidate does not fit with current SNRE needs (e.g., Wildlife, Range)
- On-line courses
 - Doubled revenue
 - Summer – Full ZAC certificate
 - Gen Ed – 150, 160
 - BS GIST – in the black & growing
 - Microcampus options – need to explore
 - BS in Ecotourism will have online option
 - Limited money for development; long-term loan; other University guarantees a certain # students
- Regents & Distinguished Profs. Update
 - Meeting with Provost to discuss concerns re: startup
- WSME and undergraduate numbers
 - Climate Change Minor close to becoming established
- Renovation of BSE – Do we want to pursue more or different space?
 - Steward Obs. & Old Chemistry are under construction first
 - Forbes, Shantz, BSE all on list for deferred maintenance upgrade
 - BSE – asking state for \$11M for deferred maintenance
 - Consider use of space in BSE – other units considering/requesting use
 - Recommendation to post current publications & posters in BSE halls