

School of Natural Resources and Environment
Faculty Meeting Notes
Wednesday January 23, 2019
2:00-3:00 PM – ENR2 S215

1. The Good Stuff – (1:00 – 1:05)
 - Recognition of Dave Breshears Induction as a Regents Professor – SNRE’s First
2. Director’s Quick Updates – (1:05 - 1:15)
 - Graduation celebration for our majors a success
 - Positions:
 - Spousal hire – Dr. Prudic – approaching conclusion
 - Environmental law – Dr. Bork – Going to UCDavis
 - Leadership of EMRR – Beginning July 1 Dr. Howery becoming new EMRR Chair – Dr. McClaran is becoming Director of the CALS Experiment Station
 - Challenges of government shutdown – plan accordingly – Work with business office to move assignments, change FTE, etc. – there are absolutely no SNRE, CALS, or University funds for backstopping.
 - Budget uncertainty continues.
 - Critical faculty hires – Looking at faculty positions for Wildlife and EMRR
 - Annual reviews and UAVitae – Continue to supply information, February 1 deadline to submit and Feb 15 for program chair reviews.
 - NIFA/Ag Experiment Station reports – please get progress reports and final reports completed ASAP.
 - Border safety and awareness – reminder that tensions are heightened and if you have students working down there please make them aware of issues and who and how to contact if there is an emergency.
 - Employee engagement survey and action plan – Will be discussed at Feb meeting with all research and business staff.
 - Student surveys – Curriculum committee for March meeting – approximately 100 responses and we are considering re-administering – discussion will be at the March Meeting.
3. New Business – (1:15-1:50)
 - Environment and the Strategic Plan – starting to get feelers about creating a College of the Environment, looking at the future of the Institute of the Environment, competing visions among administrators. Faculty expressed their views of how we could connect to these initiatives. “Environmental Sustainability” “What are the advantages/disadvantages of joining a College of the Environment?” Please give this some thought ---
 - Summer teaching opportunities – please consider these opportunities, starting in the coming Summer CALS will not take their 30% and so revenue to SNRE and faculty teaching over the summer will increase and we really need these funds for building a bank of dollars for our required share of start-up funds.
 - Discussion: SWES now ES ... where do we wish to go? Please give this some thought in the context of our degree name or names.
4. Committee Reports – (1:55-2:00)
 - Undergraduate Assessment – No time for report but committee should have entry/exit student assessment questions compiled and agreed upon by the end of February.

In attendance: G. Garfin, E. Gornish, M. Bogan, M. McClaran, J. Verdolin, W. van Leeuwen, S. Marsh, W. Smith, D. Falk, L. Howery, D. Quanrud, K. Hartfield, P. Guertin, J. Weiss, J. Buizer, J. Koprowski.