

School of Natural Resources and the Environment
Executive Committee – Strategic Planning Committee Agenda

Thursday April 16, 2020, 12:30 – 2 pm

ZOOM Mtg ID 418 374 702

**Attendees: J. Koprowski, R. Gallery, S. Bonar, A. Stewart, G. Garfin, K. Hughes, B. Krogsgaard, M. Bogan,
L. Howery, W. van Leeuwen, D. Moore. J. Hu, S. Washko, D. Breshears**

1) Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting- approved

2) Director's Report and Discussion –10 minutes

- Next meeting – 23 April
- Positions – EMRR, Coop Asst Leader.
 - COOP- position still being routed through feds.
 - EMRR- waiver has been resubmitted based on new guidance. Position must be able to bring in revenue to be approved by Provost. Two finalists have been identified.
- Full slate of summer courses – 120 students thus far
 - Currently most enrollments are in summer session one.
 - Instructors should continue advertising for courses being taught to encourage enrollments.
 - Zoo and Aquarium certificate courses have more than 50 students enrolled.
 - BSGIST 417 and GIST 330 being offered as well.
- Common tracts for American Degree Program through UA Global
 - No feedback yet on the SNRE proposal.
 - Would allow new international students to get started online.
- SNRE Awards Ceremony on Zoom- May 6th 3-4pm
- Earthweek On-line
 - D2L- all SNRE instructors have been added.
 - Zoom session.
 - Prizes for top 6 lightening talks.
 - Need judges for the talks, email Susan if you are interested.
 - Second half is asynchronous, 3-minute lightening talk with no more than 6 slides.
- Furloughs likely
 - Previous furloughs at the university were 1-3 days and based upon salary. Currently no information available regarding timing or duration.

3) New Business – 60 min

- SNRE Unit Review with Dean and EC
 - Reviewed slides that were presented. Discussed trends in Natural Resources majors, proportional return on investment, SCH trending up, undergraduate majors trending up. Unit leads in research funding and graduate students.
 - Compared to enrollments in natural resources degree programs in western US there are growth opportunities.
 - Climate change and society minor is close to being approved.
 - Evening community advising sessions.

- WUE undergrad tuition exchange program.
- Doubled summer course offerings for 2020.
- Piloting winter course.
- AZ Online
 - Gen eds will be online.
 - BS in Natural Resources for Spring 2021.
 - Ecotourism degree Fall 2021.
- Discussed threats and needs
 - Space.
 - Instructional designers needed.
 - Additional Faculty.
 - Getting courses online.
- Actions and Opportunities
 - WUE.
 - Moving courses and degrees online.
 - Social media presence.
 - New gen eds in development.
 - Marketing.
- May retreat topics
 - Potential taskforce approach to tackling emerging issues.
 - Curriculum relationships.
 - Marketing.
 - Aligning with strategic movements at the UA.
 - Research.
 - Grad student education.
- Emerging issues?
 - Discuss grad student contracts

4) Program Chair and Division Reports – as requested

- Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation
- Watershed Management and Ecohydrology
- Ecology, Management, and Restoration of Rangelands
- Natural Resource Studies
- Arid Lands
- Water, Society and Policy
- NRGSO

5) Standing Committee Reports and Ad hoc Committee Reports –as requested