

School of Natural Resources and the Environment
Executive Committee – Strategic Planning Committee Agenda
Thursday April 23, 2020, 12:30 – 2 pm
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Attendees: J. Koprowski, D. Breshears, G. Garfin, B. Krogsgaard, K. Hughes, W. van Leeuwen, D. Moore, S. Archer, L. Howery, M. Bogan, S. Bonar, S. Washko, J. Hu, R. Gallery, A. Stewart

- 1) Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting- approved.
- 2) Director's Report and Discussion –10 minutes
 - Next meeting – 30 April
 - Positions – EMRR, Coop Asst Leader
 - EMRR position is still pending approval from CALS
 - Coop Asst Leader- still pending
 - Full slate of summer courses – 150 students thus far
 - Up about 30 from last week
 - SNRE Awards Ceremony on Zoom- Nominations due April 29
- 3) New Business – 60 min
 - Furlough policies
 - Discussed issues with pay bands
 - May retreat topics – Task force approach
 - Research
 - On-line conversion
 - Marketing- website update, social media
 - GCEM/Watershed
 - Curriculum
 - Strategic partnerships- AIREs
 - CALS Instructional Designer Shop
 - Proposal to CALS for instructional design shop at the college level that provides support to units
 - Train graduate students over the summer and provide stipends
 - Partner with faculty who have course content
 - Units would pay for the salary or part of the salary for the designers
 - Summer virtual field trips
 - Experimental Range properties expressed interest in allowing local students to use GoPros to take footage on the property. Footage could be used for classes or virtual field trips. Send ideas to J. Koprowski
 - Bimester/Minimester
 - R. Gallery and K. Hughes working on possibilities for converting 15 week courses to 7.5 week
 - Discussed likelihood of students coming back to campus
 - Possibility of all classes offered as 7.5 week courses. Courses could be offered in person and/or online to offer flexibility for students to return to campus
 - Taking multiple accelerated courses will be difficult for students and will be difficult for faculty to take on additional load.
 - Could shift to this model permanently and offer experiential learning for one of the bimesters
 - Next week: Grad Student contracts
 - Emerging issues?
 - Can WUE agreement be applied to current undergraduate students? J. Koprowski waiting for confirmation.
 - Discussed faculty taking time to check-in with undergraduate advisees for 5 minutes

- 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