

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

Friday August 30, 2019

ENR2 N450

Attendees: J. Koprowski, S. Marsh, R. Gallery, J. Hu, G. Garfin, D. Moore, S. Archer, B. Steidl, S. Bonar, B. Krogsgaard, A. Stewart, R. Collins, L. Fera

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes – approved
2. Director's Report and Discussion
 - a. Dean's visit is Nov. 5 at 10:30 am
 - b. Rebecca Collins – new accountant senior in SNRE business office
 - c. SNRE science communication team – Allie Burnett, new PhD student, will be supervising up to three student interns to help with recruitment and get news out about SNRE and our programs
 - d. Position updates – Rangeland Conservation program and temp hires in Wildlife and EMRR
 - i. S. Archer hoping to do Skype interviews in October for Rangeland position and in person interviews in November
 - ii. Wildlife courses will be taught by Melissa Merrick and Maria Vittoria Mazzamuto this fall.
 - iii. EMRR class instructor for Spring 20 will be hired in the first half of the semester
 - e. Summer teaching revenue – will be close to double from previous years, funds come directly to SNRE
 - i. S. Marsh and S. Smith will be teaching high school class, 80% of revenue will come to the department
 - f. GIST profitable for the first time – UA Online withdraws support after it was profitable; trying to develop a micro-campus version
 - g. Sabbaticals – B. Steidl and S. Marsh on sabbatical in the spring, W. van Leeuwen all year, I. Molnar, M. McClaran this fall
 - h. P&T – mandatory three-year review, L. Meredith, J. Soto, E. Gornish. P&T J. Hu, L. Lopez-Hoffman. Recusals will be filled by R. Gallery.
 - i. No updates on Environment and the Strategic Plan – pitch was made to the president as part of the Strategic Plan and he is still reviewing it.
 - j. General education uncertainty – not allowed to put new Gen Ed courses in. Offered popular Gen Ed classes in as many sections as possible
 - k. NPC relocation – probably will not be moving to main campus.
 - l. Assessment – questions are online, working on final format. 48 questions, looking to reduce it by half.
3. Accomplishments

- a. CALS Budget & Operating Performance Guide – traditionally at 4,000 to 5,000 student credit hours for SNRE...now over 6,000. Have the second highest percentage growth of any unit in the college.
 - b. Development successes – K. Hollish is the development officer, J. Koprowski to spend 20% of time on development. Trying to build donor base for 50th year anniversary.
 - c. Conservation Practitioner-in-Residence – bringing in retired employees from agencies, will share office with K. Hollish. Student clubs and faculty to schedule meetings. Dan Kimball will be the first person to be brought in.
 - d. BS in Ecotourism – with the addition of one course, a degree may be able to go online, targeting a Professor of Practice. Two tracts – one entrepreneurial, the other one is a wildland recreation tract.
 - e. Conservation campus – Phoenix Zoo is looking for drive thru safari park in Sahuarita. SNRE and CALS has looked to partner to include a large classroom and conference center there, student housing for 16-20 interns and grad students, vet and teaching clinic and research lab space. Hoping to sign the MOU soon.
4. Emerging Issues/Opportunities
 - a. Budget for coming 2 years
 - b. Online
 - i. Putting courses online, including BS in Ecotourism, BS GIST is already an online program but has potential to be part of a micro campus degree, WSP could be on a micro campus. Micro campuses can be completely online, could be working with local students with a flipped classroom with an in-person instructors, we provide the content, some lectures are online
5. New agenda items – BSE clean up for renovation suggested by S. Archer