

Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences Meeting
November 15, 2010, 11:00 AM, 133 Cheatham Hall

Minutes

1. Information items: Dr. Hallerman related that:
 - Our College-wide service project will be a benefit for the Relay for Life.
 - The CNRE Awards Banquet will be held in Squires Commonwealth Ballroom, Thursday, March 31.

2. Student scholarships and awards: Dr. Hallerman noted that we need nominees for:
 - Outstanding undergraduate, MS, and PhD students, Massey, McGinness, and Mosby awards
 - Outstanding dissertation, Graduate Student Teaching Excellence, Graduate Student Service Excellence, Graduate Student Man and Woman of the Year, Outstanding Interdisciplinary Program Student
 - Outstanding recent undergraduate alumnus
 - Please send you suggestions to the Honorifics Committee: Dolloff (chair), Berkson, Jiao, Kelly, and Parkhurst.

3. Discuss draft policy on research faculty: Dr. Hallerman distributed the draft policy on appointment and duties of research professor faculty positions. Language regarding the ability of federal unit faculty to vote on appointments was clarified. Much discussion focused on whether research professors should be allowed to chair graduate advisory committees and on criteria that should apply to that consideration. Dr. Hallerman will write clarifying language and will distribute the revised draft to the group.

4. Curricular issues: Dr. Hallerman led discussion of:
 - Mammalogy – Biology no longer has a mammalogist and so “cannot” offer the course. We will ask that Catherine Tredick be rehired next year, and will seek a mammalogist for our own faculty longer-term.
 - First-year experience course – CNRE will develop a proposal. Murphy, Orth and Hallerman are engaged in the larger discussion on this matter.
 - Student learning outcomes – Don Orth and other are working on a proposed path forward that will be shared at a future departmental meeting.

5. Reports:
 - Search committee: Steve McMullin reported that the announcement of the Applied Fish Ecologist has been widely distributed and that we now have four applicants. Review of the applications will begin in early December.
 - Units: Jess Jones reported on cleanup and renovation activities ongoing at the aquaculture center.
 - Graduate students: Christine Bergeron reported that Dan Simberloff seems interested in coming to deliver a seminar at Virginia Tech.

Adjourn