

Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences Meeting  
November 29, 2010, 11:00 AM, 132 Cheatham Hall

Minutes

1. Information items: Dr. Hallerman announced that:
  - The departmental holiday party will be at 6:00, Tuesday, December 14, at the University Club
  - Graduate Preview Weekend – February 17-19, 2011, we may nominate up to three prospective students to attend.
  - Voting is ongoing on the policy regarding appointment of research professors – please submit your vote to Dana.
  
2. New rates for use of our vehicles: Dr. Hallerman reported that Stuart Woods in the Controller's office has proposed a new schedule of mileage rates for departmental vehicles. Once vehicles have been amortized, there would be no charge for equipment replacement. This would have the unwanted effect of making it harder for us to raise dollars proactively for the next purchase of a vehicle. Dr. Hallerman will call Stuart to try and incorporate a charge towards new vehicles.
  
3. Curricular issues: Don Orth led a discussion of:
  - Assessing student learning outcomes – Don passed around copies of a new, expanded set of student learning outcomes; he proposes eight instead of the existing four. Associated with the new SLOs is a new implementation matrix. Discussion focused upon first-year activities, indicated as shaded areas on the matrix distributed. The onus would be on students to show progress by placing key items into their e-portfolio. Discussion of the matrix involved suggested changes and clarifications. The approach would indeed fit University and SACS expectations. The approach is designed to pose a reasonable work load for faculty to implement. Don asked the group to be sure to fill out his questionnaire by Friday, December 2.
  - First-year experience course – Focus on first-year implementation of SLOs led to discussion of Don's proposal for a first-year experience course. A discussion mostly asking for clarifications ensued. He distributed a draft syllabus. The group felt that a 2-hour course would be most appropriate. Comments are sought on the draft syllabus. To place this effort into context, FiW will develop its own proposal, which likely will be subsumed under a CNRE proposal for FYE courses.
  
4. Reports:
  - Search committee: Steve McMullin reported that we have 10 applicants for the Applied Fish Ecology position, some of them strong. The application period is open, and review will begin in early December for winter interviews.
  - Units: Eric Hallerman noted that a draft MOU to establish a cooperative unit with the USFWS has passed muster with University Counsel with but a few suggested revisions, and has now been passed back to the USFWS.
  - Graduate students: Christine Bergeron reported that the annual chili cook-off will be held on December 13. Pint glasses with a new departmental logo will go on sale

soon, in time for the winter gifting season. Daniel Simberloff will deliver a guest lecture on February 15, 2011.

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