



Faculty Governance Meeting 11/30/2006

1. Call to Order
 - a. Bill Shields
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting
 - a. Rudy Schuster
4. Reports of Standing & Ad Hoc Committees
 - a. COI: Advising Assessment Instrument: Larry Smart
 - b. Allan Drew & Bill Powell
5. Report of the Executive Committee or Chair: Bill Shields
 - a. Bylaw Election Results
6. Discussion of Environmental Science Faculty/Program: Bill Shields

Some Talking points for a discussion on the Environmental Science Program include:

Should a new Environmental Science Faculty be created:

For example, could we take a current Faculty such as Environmental Resources & Forest Engineering as a core, add volunteer or otherwise appropriate faculty from other Faculties on campus to create a new Faculty of Environmental Science and Engineering. This Faculty could then operate as the core to develop new positions (e.g., global climate change, waste management, etc.), and create a Faculty that offers degrees in environmental science and engineering while fostering interdisciplinary research in a single integrated department?

Should an Environmental Science program be strengthened by adding new Faculty in pre-existing Faculties (How could we do college wide searches?) that would foster new areas and support old areas of interdisciplinary and within discipline research in the environmental sciences and engineering?

In essence is there a possibility that reorganization of our current administrative structure and the movement of Faculty lines among current or new Faculty administrative units could facilitate an increase in the quality and efficiency of performing our mission?

Feel free to circulate and bring your own ideas to the table via email, phone, conversation, or at the Faculty Meeting on 11/30.

7. New Business
 - a. Dual Majors or Multiple Degrees: The COI will be working on a written policy describing where, when and under what conditions our students

may be able to earn a degree with double majors (e.g., Conservation Biology and Wildlife Science, Chemistry & Biology) or two degrees (e.g. B.S. in EFB and BS in ERFE) at the same time. Feel free to provide the COI with input.

8. Old Business

9. Adjourn