

SENRAS Business Meeting

October 06, 2014

Meeting attendees: Tim Bowman, Mark Dilley, Josh Kubitz, Jon Gerken, Mark Giese, Brent Macolley, Lori Monska, Matt Perry, Kyle Ware; Student Assistants: Alissa Finke and Molly Hardesty.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

Craig Little (OSU Alumni Association) made brief presentation

- Oct. 18 (Tues) – OSUAA game at the Columbus Bluejackets
- New website (osu.edu/alumni)
- Can now host websites through Wordpress

Introductions – group introduced themselves to student assistants Alissa and Molly

Minutes approval for September 2014 – Lori moved to approve, Tim seconded. Matt called for vote. All were in favor. Approved.

Treasurer's Report – no change from last month

Dr. Sharp provided ENR updates (busy times at the School!)

- 656 undergrads enrolled (up from 590) – highest since the 1970s
- Between 80 and 110 graduate students (depending on how you count students in inter-departmental programs)
- 10-15% of OSU students will take at least one ENR course
- Students are being wait-listed due to lack of space in classes
- Adding distance education technology at Olentangy River Wetland Research Park
- Critical departures are occurring: Tom Koontz, Eric McConnell, and John Heywood
- Hiring for Wildlife Ecology and Mgmt
- Replacing Tom Koontz
- Matt Davies is being hired in Restoration
- Discovery Themes at university level will benefit ENR
- Ramping up career services and professional engagement
- Teater Endowment will be used to improve career services
- EPN breakfast connections are growing

Mark G. shared several updates:

The OSUAA Alumni Awards nomination for John Foltz who is working on salmon recovery

- Packet was sent to board for review
- Needs input ASAP; group decided to review on the spot
- Jon moved to support the nomination of Jon Foltz, Lori seconded. Matt called for vote. All were in favor. Approved.

Fallfest is October 17-18

- Event is being treated as an advancement activity
- Dean will present on morning of 17th

- Can register through CFAES website
- Mark G. said he might be able to pay to have some executive board members participate (though this was not preferred)

The School is dropping the “S” in SENR and proposed that SENRAS follow suit to become “ENRAS”

- Jon sent out a revised Constitution reflecting this change
- The change is rebranding driven (OSU already refers to us this way)
- Jon suggested striking the language about enlisting student assistants “prior to fall quarter,” since it is inaccurate (Article 2, Section 1)
- Josh moved to approve changes (above) to Constitution, Brent seconded. Matt called for a vote. All voted in favor. Approved.
- Could have vote of general membership at upcoming annual meeting. Molly H. will post constitution for review by membership.

Executive Board election-related tasks:

- Check with inactive members regarding interest in renewing
- Send announcement regarding call for candidates and solicit nominations from board

Newsletter –

- Plan to distribute soon after Fall Fest at end of October or immediately after ENRAS annual meeting on November 10
- Articles needed

Career Boot Camp – Events Committee

- Committee will be meeting before next ENRAS meeting, plans are taking shape.

Next Meeting (Annual Membership Meeting): November 10, 2014, from 6-8 p.m. (Note: Possible meeting nights for 2015 will be discussed at this meeting)

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.