

## Minutes Forestry Advisory Committee 17, Feb, 2010

Attending: Tim Baker, Frank Mileham, Bill Hiney, Chris Lee, John Woessner, Richard Dresser (late)

I. Update on Program and Budget – Tim reported on current state of the program – no new full-time faculty approved but GIS is covered for now from CTE grant. The program still needs to update the classroom to a HD projector or monitor to be able to display better detail in images to the class. Tim will propose this in the next CTE grant.

-John mentioned that seedlings might be available from Hastings nursery for class tree planting demonstrations.

-John also mentioned that HRC yarders might be available for demonstrations assuming we can work out transportation issues (HRC doesn't want the liability associated with multiple student cars on HRC roads).

II. Curriculum – Tim showed the committee the proposed certificate in Geomatics and the offering was discussed by the committee. John suggested the certificate should have value for students seeking jobs and the committee advised Tim to go ahead with the proposal.

- FOR 10/10L was also discussed and the committee suggested updates to the courses to emphasize practical lab experiences. This could include additional skills practice in field navigation. Bill noted he would like to add more on roads and that the overall intent was to model a THP, particularly sections 1, 2, and 3. Frank suggested we might include something on carbon banking in forests as it's an up and coming aspect of forest management. Bill and Tim discussed reducing the credits from the current 3/2 down to a combined 4.5 to make the Friday labs more practical. Tim also suggested that we might reduce the surveying course from 4 to 3 or 3.5 units to free up more credits for other courses like inventory techniques. The committee suggested further study but was supportive of the changes.

III. Scheduling – Normal schedule proposed for Fall 2010 but will have to watch for budget limitations on offerings.

IV. FNR Club – Tim reported the club is trying to get re-established under the new CR guidelines for clubs which are much more restrictive than in previous years. There is a core of students (5-6) that are very interested and progress looks likely.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010.