

## Minutes Forestry Advisory Committee 3/1/2011

attending: Tim Baker, Bill Hiney, Don Campbell, Jon Woessner, Frank Mileham, Lisa Perry, Jim Robbins, Ray Miller

### I. Current status – report by Dr. Tim Baker

- General program outlook is solid despite state cutbacks though budget for equipment replacement is non-existent. Course enrollment is solid for Spring and a full schedule is planned for Fall.

- The committee discussed the turnover in College Presidents with new acting President Utpal Goswami. The committee suggested a letter to new president about the importance of forestry to the area (Lisa will do a draft to circulate and Tim will send an email reminder). The committee also suggested a 'day in the woods' for the new president (follow up – Tim took Utpal for a walk through the campus forest to talk about the importance of the school forest as a lab for classes).

- The committee also discussed the ongoing problem of field trips because of the lack of program transportation (students must drive themselves) which limits the locations we can take students. Frank suggested writing grants to the Headwaters Fund to purchase vans and Tim will pursue the suggestion and report back.

### II. Curriculum updates

- Program Learning Outcomes – Tim gave the committee the draft of the current program outcomes developed about 5 years ago to match the curriculum to the SAF accreditation standards as much as possible. The course outcomes and the increasing paperwork associated with assessment was discussed. One suggested outcome was an overview/ability to do field work (as a comprehensive goal with specifics like compass and pacing underneath). Tim will look at how to write the outcome and integrate it into the courses.

### III. Equipment

- Tim pointed out that the program was running low on some pieces of equipment due to breakage but had no budget to replace the losses.

- Jon stated that Humboldt Redwoods Company is still processing the donation request to purchase equipment for the program but that it should be soon. (follow –up HRC and MRC each donated \$1000)

IV. FNR Club – FNR Club is continuing some activities with trail work but has done limited fundraising thus far.

Lisa announced the Redwood Region Logging Conference Education Day and Career Day and that CR would have a table if desired (Tim said he'd staff the table at Career Day). Also announced was the \$500 scholarships from RRLC.

Frank suggested that if CR has any wood to sell that the export market was heating up but likely to be temporary.

Next meeting possibly in April depending on interest and needs, otherwise next Fall.