

## Forestry Advisory Committee List 2008-2009

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I. Program updates

A. Student scholarships and enrollment

B. Curriculum updates

- Course outlines (all but NR 68 current or inactivated)
- Forest Technology degree updates approved
- Forestry Transfer degree needed reworking (GE and Chancellor's Office)
- Forest Technology –GIS option mostly finished (working on final course)
- Natural Resource Technology proposed for next Fall

C. VTEA updates

- remaining budget for this year \$7758 for equipment
- proposal for next year due on 4/21
- address 'special populations' (maybe focus tribal forestry?)

D. Forestry Club

- coffee sales
- firewood sales
- proposed student trip to 2008 SAF convention (need chaperone?)
- currently 9 students with SAF memberships.

E. Comprehensive Program review – due next year

- action plans to deal with firing range/access to woods

F. Forest Management Plan – Facilities Management Committee

- add some initial specific ideas for thinning/TSI on stand near AJ

## **Forestry Advisory Committee Agenda 2/26/03**

### Old Business

- Nominate/elect new chair

### New Business

- Forestry/NR club report

### Discussion Items

- Developing strategic plan
- Curriculum revision
- Funding opportunities
- Research/internships for students

## **Agenda for Forest Advisory Committee meeting on 11/20/03**

Report from Forestry club

Report from Program

- curriculum updates
- school outreach project
- high school articulation

Discussion

- strategic plan (see third page)
- equipment inventory day
- curriculum topics

Adjourn

Minutes for the CR Forestry Advisory committee, 10/16/03

Present: Ray Miller (chair), Frank Mileham, Don Campbell, Richard Dresser, Vaughn Griesback, Tricia Kaufman, Jessica Rasband, Judy Ozman, Tim Baker

Motion was made to accept the Mission and Vision statements as revised, by Frank Mileham, seconded by Richard Dresser and passed unanimously.

Discussion then began on the goals for the strategic plan.

- Tim suggested regaining SAF accreditation be the top goal though the timeline may be 4 years in succeeding.
  
- Ray suggested curriculum changes and updates be timely, Tim responded that some changes are currently under review by the curriculum committee.
- Tim next suggested a goal of improving the quality of field trips which are an essential part of improving the overall curriculum. Some discussion of the problems we currently face with the budget ensued.
- Equipment and tool maintenance were also suggested as a goal to provide superior learning environments. Problems relating to budget in this were discussed. It is suggested that at an upcoming FAC meeting we spend time inventorying the tools and condition.
- Increasing student recruitment was suggested especially if we can implement a curriculum that increases articulation ease to 4-yr schools
- Ongoing review of certificates was also suggested as a goal with the idea of eliminating unneeded certificates and creating marketable ones.
- Presentation of continuing education or non-credit courses was suggested as a goal, particularly targeting landowners who desire some knowledge to better assist their decision-making process

Meeting was adjourned and next meeting scheduled for Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 in AT 127

Trb

Strategic plan – After our last meeting I began writing up our goals for the programs and got to thinking that they were more steps or concerns than goals. So I've reformed the goals (and the steps and concerns) to reflect what I think our real goals are; the students

### **Strategic goal 1 – Increase student success at finding employment**

This is a critical goal for any 2-yr degree program where 50% of the students plan on seeking employment following completion of the degree. Two vital steps to meet this goal are:

- a) regain Society of American Forester's official recognition of the program
  - a. hire additional full time faculty
  - b. proved evidence of meeting curricular objectives
- b) revise the curriculum to meet employment opportunities that have evolved in recent years.

### **Strategic goal 2 – Increase student success at articulation**

Articulation to 4-yr institutions is a vital aspect of community college education and the Forestry/Natural Resource program at College of the Redwoods is no different. Approximately 130 students at CR claimed FOR or NR as their major, the majority being students headed for a 4-yr program. To increase their success rates, the curriculum and articulation agreements must be continually updated. The steps to meet this goal are:

- a) revise curriculum to better meet requirements at 4-yr institutions
- b) update articulation agreements with California and regional schools.
- c) increase counselor reference to FOR/NR courses at College of the Redwoods.
- d) SAF recognition (may be required by SAF accredited 4-yr schools)

### **Strategic goal 3 – Increase student success in field courses**

Updating the curriculum will accomplish little if we do not emphasize the strength of a 2-yr program; the hands-on aspect of field courses. And success in field courses is dependent on maintaining appropriate facilities and equipment for students. The steps to meet this goal are:

- a) acquire funding to maintain and update field equipment on a continuing basis
- b) develop adequate numbers of field sites for study opportunities
- c) develop appropriate transportation infrastructure to access field sites.
- d) offer introductory courses more frequently to minimize out of sequence students
  - a. hire additional full-time faculty

### **Strategic goal 4 – Increase awareness of the Forestry and Natural Resource program among the students and community**

To meet the needs of the community for education in this field, we must make the community aware that the opportunity for study is present at College of the Redwoods. The steps needed to meet this goal are:

- a) increase marketing and outreach efforts
- b) update and maintain viable web presence
  - a. hire additional technical staff/faculty
- c) SAF recognition (would be listed on SAF web cite and brochures)
- d) develop K-12 outreach opportunities
- e) increase presence of FOR/NR club

### **Strategic goal 5 – Increase student sense of community in the program**

We believe that students with a sense of belonging to a viable program will have a stronger sense of being invested in success and graduation and completion rates will increase as a result. The steps to achieve this goal are:

- a) maintain an active FOR/NR club and support
- b) Increase interaction with Humboldt State University Forestry students as a club
- c) revitalize the cohort method of course sequencing.
  - a. Hire additional full-time faculty
- d) increase scholarships for student completion

### **Strategic goal 6 – Provide education for non-degree students**

This goal is often cited as a missing component of the FOR/NR program. In short, landowners often wish to acquire some knowledge of their lands to assist in management decisions and activities. A goal of this program at College of the Redwoods should be to design the appropriate courses and facilitate instruction through the Community Economic Development and Outreach office.

- a) work with local landowner groups and consultants to assess needs
- b) develop and deliver courses as needed through CED
  - a. hire additional full-time and associate faculty as needed

Meeting these goals will provide for a viable and interesting program for students and the community through the next several years and decades. As uses of natural resources in the region evolve, so should our program if we are to maintain validity in meeting community educational needs.