

School of Natural Resources

Moving Forward

2015 – 2016

The Year of Teaching



University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Working Vision

- The tripartite mission of the land grant university is paramount
- This is the School of Natural Resources – we connect people and the environment
- Our programs will continue to increase in importance in society



As always – Integration and Identity

Review Last Year Goals - The Short Term 2014-2015

- 5 year review – Drew Tyre to lead
 - Not a review really, but a roadmap
- SNR restructuring – FAC
 - Efficiency of management
 - Our face to outside
- Getting our teaching house in order
 - Increase priority
- Phase II hires
- Water POE hires
- Core hires???



Hiring Status and Programs

- Ground Water Hydrologist
 - Jesse Korus – 1 September
 - Troy Gilmore - 1 October
- Wildlife Human Dimensions (half funded by NGPC)
 - Chris Chizinski – 17 August
- Remote Sensing (senior position)
 - Search committee deliberating



Hiring Status and Programs

- Applied Climate Science (senior position and Director of NDMC)
 - Approved—Mike Hayes Chair
 - Mike Hayes stepping down from NDMC and taking leadership role in ACS
- CAS POP Position in Geography
 - Approved-Paul Hanson Chair
- CAS Environmental Geography
 - Approved to begin next year



Hiring Status and Programs

- Urban and Community Forestry Program POP (grant funded from USFS)
 - Approved-Dave Wedin Chair
- Forester – Vegetation Management
 - Approved
- GIS-Spatial Science
 - Approved-Brian Wardlow Chair
- Fish Geneticist/Physiologist
 - Approved-Mark Pegg/Kevin Pope Chair—released 18 August



Hiring Status and Programs

- Soil Scientist – Pedologist
 - Approved-Matt Joeckel Chair
- Wildlife Ecologist – Mammalogy
 - Approved
- Private Lands Biologist
 - Approved



Hiring Status and Programs

Additional Positions

Bob Zink – Breckenridge Chair in
Ornithology at Bell Museum 55%
SNR, 25% SBS, and 20% Museum
Joining us 1 January 2016



Urban and Community Forestry

- Two faculty level positions in works
- Money to support student recruitment
- Collaborative effort with Horticulture



Challenges

- External
 - Universities are changing
 - Public universities in particular
 - Finances
- Internal
 - The new normal – much more collaborative and less silo
 - Relevance in IANR and UNL



The Short Term 2015-2016

- 5 year review – Finalize with review team here in late October
- Complete faculty hiring initiative
- This year theme is teaching
 - Complete review of all components of teaching including degree programs, courses, scheduling, fte, and etc.
 - Charges to the MA leaders in collaboration with undergrad committee and student services
 - Director's office will be providing a budget



Teaching Evaluation 2015-2016

1. Evaluating undergraduate teaching program
2. Barriers to faculty investing in teaching
3. Curriculum
 1. Evaluation of SNR majors
 2. Capstone
 3. Common SNR core
 4. Course development
4. Advising
5. Alternatives to classroom teaching
 1. Field and lab course challenges
 2. Non-course experiences eg. Internships etc.
 3. Education abroad
 4. Online education including blended courses
6. Structuring Teaching Coordinator and Committee
 1. Stronger organizational management
 2. Support for teaching coordinator



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Have a Great Year!!!!!!



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