

All College Meeting October 2nd, 2014

Remarks from Dean Maness

- The college is interacting more with conservation groups (currently and upcoming)
- The college is receiving good feedback about the holistic approach taken towards the creation of the Institute for Working Forest Landscapes (IWFL)
- The Institute will call for research proposals every year
- We want to make people from other cultures with other ideas feel welcome and are getting some scholarships to recruit more diverse students
- OSU was named 7th in the world for forestry, based on strong research output
- We are expanding internationally, especially in S. America
- Exposed wood (and natural light) in buildings makes people healthier

The governor issued an order to look at building tall wood buildings

1. Western Oregon is the best place in the world to grow high value trees
2. How much we harvest is not as important as how many jobs are created by what we harvest
3. Oregon is positioned to compete in global markets for “Green buildings” made of engineered wood products (certification is important)

Peavy renovation

Target completion date is August 2017 and the administration requests input from everyone on design. There will be many opportunities to provide input at various stages but the design process will happen fast to meet the target construction dates. Be on the lookout for opportunities to provide feedback on design this winter.

Institute for Working Forest Landscapes

- Institute board has broadened the stakeholder base to include nonprofits
- Funds will be awarded in June 2015
- The purpose of the all-faculty meeting on Oct. 20th is to discuss how to go forward with interdisciplinary research
- Looking for faculty and students to engage with international programs
- Embracing diversity – need to be proactive and change college environment (David Zahler is leading the diversity initiative)