

SNRI Advisory Committee Notes
May 16, 2017
11:00am – 12:00pm
UCMSSM 230 - Tuolumne Meadows and phone conference

Present: Asmeret Asefaw Berhe (Chair), Josh Viers, Jan Goggans, Yang Quan Chen,
Koren Nydick
Roger Bales, Director
Armando Quintero, Executive Director

Absent: Mike Dawson

5 Year Review

Sam is happy with the main response.

Several comments that we need to think about.

- Committee wants more faculty engagement with SNRI programming
- Metrics impact need to be more related to SNRI program and faculty contributions to UC Merced as a result of SNRI membership
- Sam and the Senate will respond
- UCM has 6 months to write a response
- Office of Research and budget issues have an impact and this may mean some re-organization and strategic planning.
- Summer conversation – Roger and Armando meet with Paul and Trevor
- How are the faculty engaged beyond being members
- What is the important need for SNRI?
- Could be the vehicle to bring more people together
- Help recruit undergrad and grad majors?

Discussion by the Advisory committee includes:

- Schedule next SNRI Advisors meeting for a breakfast in October 2017
- Time to Reconstitute the Directors Council
- Develop a Seminar Series for SNRI with Faculty
- Create more of a community for SNRI
- Roger welcomes greater engagement of Advisory Council
- Use funding for seminar speakers and other activities
- Weekly seminar - CITRIS speaker series and EECS, fills a 100 seat room.
- Look at partnering with - bring industry leaders for SNRI - Koren and SEKI, etc.
- Develop a list of potential speakers. Armando work with Roger and Asmeret and reach out to the Committee with recommendations.
- Find out who is organizing the ES seminars?

Coordinate Beyond the Brink Fall Premier showing in Merced with the ESGroup Calendar.

- Panel discussions with the Film. Hosted event(s) on campus, at Karmangar Theatre
- Armando - Leigh – Michelle to coordinate

Website development

- SNRI has hired Tim Tisnadi to work with Armando this summer to design and implement new website in coordination with Campus Web Administrators.

UCTV

- Send the link to the SNRI Advisors
- Koren - has videos that are ready made to put on the channel
- Invite Koren to participate in future UCTV conference call

Lab fee proposal - program - Climate Science - big

- Encourage multiple letters of intent to get traction
- Mike Goulden at UC Irvine is interested in this.
- Yang Quan Chen is interested in mapping and sniffing with drones.
- Larger issues here for large grants – The question is always, who will be the PI?
- Roger has experience in doing this. He is available to line up partners and the SNRI Office has more pre-award support.
- Teamrat and Asmeret are submitting
- JC Ross and Prosper Godonoo are two new Research Administrators.
- Get recommendations for a good grant writer – JC Ross' name is brought up in this regard.
- Roger can also recruit people to help on strategic feedback for proposals.

Goals for the Committee

- Revisit with membership committee – do we need to distinguish between active faculty and less active faculty? Do we want to have distinct types of SNRI membership?
Membership Committee: Mike Dawson, Wolfgang Rogge and Andrea Joyce: Review ideas with this committee on criteria and discuss what is working and what is not working for membership.
- Staff is working on SNRI Welcome event for the Fall
- Jan Goggans- would love to see SNRI events on SSHA calendar and vice-versa.
Interested in learning how Shaw faculty can combine Environmental literature efforts with SNRI.
Explore how SSHA can engage in grants with SNRI
Jan is publishing an article on the Central Valley - cultural studies
Anthony - studying west lands water district
Find out who is doing environmental writing in SSHA

Koren Nydick reports on Sequoia/Kings Canyon

- SEKI research prospectus to be finalized this winter
- SEKI Science symposium in 2018
- Competitive SEKI Mini Grants for 2018
- Had a meeting with the Southern Sierra Science Cooperative - focus is going to do with tree mortality/fire management/ecosystem services
- IRWMP at SEKI

- Kids engagement to become scientists.
- Koren - the hope is to host the field station - effort to update the agreement and Christy Brigham is working on that with UCMerced. Next year park will be working on a broader strategic plan.
- Advisory Committee should weigh in on SEKI work

Final notes for Asmeret and Roger

These meeting notes need to be provided to same as a final report to Sam on SNRI.

Set up clear accepted procedures for ORU 5 year reviews for UC Merced

Should SNRI Field Station Manager, Anne Kelly to be a part of SNRI Advisory Group?