

April 6, 2010

To: Members of the New Research Group (J. Bakker, R. Edmonds, B. Lippke, J. Marzluff [Chair], S. Morgan, D. Peterson, T. Hinckley)

Re: Change in Chair and Charge

From: Tom Hinckley, Interim Director

The New Research Committee facilitates the development of entrepreneurial interdisciplinary teams to advance our areas of strength and CoEnv opportunities, with the goals of funding, public image, and leadership in CoEnv. In other words, develop research opportunities involving more than one person.

I foresee the following specific charges for the New Research Committee Committee over the 2009 – 2010 academic year:

1. Acquire information regarding the successful, but still to be evaluated, and unsuccessful proposals submitted to the RFP issued by the Institute of the College of the Environment. Determine which of these might be offered resources to complete their proposal or to redirect their proposal to a different funding source. This has turned out to be impossible (no response) and I would not follow through on this).
2. The NRG regularly (weekly or bi-weekly) alerts the faculty to research opportunities via the Communications Director. Sally is doing this both as announcements occur and in a monthly newsletter.
3. John, I think the most critical task at present is to determine how much McIntire-Stennis money there is (best estimate is 80 + 50 K) and then prioritize its use based upon the following:
 - Do we need to bank some for a successful Bioresources faculty hire?
 - Do we need to use to stabilize some of the Centers (e.g., SMC, PFC, Cintrafor, ONRC)?

- Is it possible to have a competitive process for assistant professors (a booster)?
- Is it possible to have a competitive process for graduate and undergraduate students?
- If so, when, who and how much?

Thank you.