



University of Nevada, Reno
Research & Innovation

Whittell Forest Advisory Committee Meeting

March 7th, 2023, 10am-12pm

Present: Sarah Bisbing (Chair) & Hunter Noble (Secretary); Members: Ryan Shane, Anna Belle Monti, Pat King, Chris Pritsos, Tom Hall;

Guests: Ahmad Itani, Mridul Gautam, Pat Martinez, Kerri Minatre, Chanchanok (Saw) Sudta, Pam Pearce, Scott Allen

Absent: Vic Redding

Meeting Summary

House Keeping (Hunter)

1. Background on Fellowship

Sarah provided a brief background on the history and previous recipients of the Whittell Forest Graduate Fellowship, as well as information on the recent iteration of the award.

2. Introductions

Members of the Advisory Committee and guest presenters introduced themselves.

3. Approve Previous Meeting Summary

Hunter asked for any additional comments or edits to the previous meeting summary, there were none. Tom moved to approve, and Chris seconded, motion carried.

Whittell Forest Graduate Fellowship Updates

Kerri Minatre, Saw Sudta, Pam Pearce, and Scott Allen (representing Johanne Albrigsten) each presented updates on their respective research funded by the Whittell Forest Graduate Fellowship. Additional information on these projects can be found on the Whittell Forest [website](#). Chris added that a Whittell Forest Research Symposium would be valuable in the future to showcase the research being conducted on the Forest.

Planning & Funding

1. Foundation Fundraising

Sarah provided an update on fundraising opportunities with support by the UNR Foundation.

2. Forest Management Plan

Sarah detailed how Hunter wrote a draft that she is reviewing currently. Once the next draft has been completed it will be shared with Committee for review. Ahmad added that bringing in outside experts would be beneficial.

Forest Outreach & Collaborations

Pat provided an overview of the “Friends of the Little Valley”, a non-profit group dedicated to supporting the Whittell Forest mission and the ways this group could provide support through fundraising and accessibility of funds for immediate projects. This group would also provide opportunity for community involvement.

Meeting Adjourns