

Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources Report to the UW Board of Trustees November 2023

The Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources supports students as well as citizens, stakeholders, and decision makers by giving them the skills and tools they need to build durable, inclusive solutions to our most pressing environment and natural resource challenges.

October External Program Review Completed

We completed the site visit of the external review team for our Program Review, typically on a 7-year cycle but our first in the Haub School. Our self-study document was completed in early July 2023 and the Provost invited an external review team to campus October 9. We enjoyed robust discussion and assessment by the team and eagerly await their report, which is due to the provost by semester's end. Such external reviews and constructive criticism is critical to expanding our impact and providing strong service to the state.

Assist Governor in Leading Public Meeting and Discussion of Rock Springs Management Plan

The Haub School's Ruckelshaus Institute has been invited to lead a series of public meetings to discuss the BLM's Rock Springs Management Plan and suggested alternatives. The process will occur over the next two months in collaboration with the School of Energy Resources and College of Agriculture, Life Sciences and Natural Resources with public meetings in the Rock Springs region.

Fall Board Meeting Completed in tandem with Energy Law Conference

Our Fall Haub School Advisory Board meeting occurred 12 and 13 October with strong in person attendance despite the early snow that engulfed Laramie. We cosponsored the Energy Law Conference held on 13 October with the School of Energy Resources and the College of Law and enjoyed WDEQ Administrator (and *ex officio* Haub School Advisory Board member) Todd Parfitt's Plenary presentation as well as a joint Thursday evening social.

A Successful 'Meet the Dean' Event in Jackson on 25 September

We successfully hosted a happy hour with Dean Koprowski on the Cloudveil rooftop in Jackson on 25 September with excellent attendance from community leaders and alumni.

A Record-setting Giving Day

With over 130 donors and >\$225,000 raised, the Haub School had a record setting UW Giving Day with funds raised primarily to support graduate students through the Steve Smutko Collaborative Research Fund and the John and Mary Kay Turner Graduate Research Fund.

A Move to Crane for Partial Consolidation and an Intermediate-term Solution

With the support of the Provost Carman and VP Mai, we completed the move of our Bureau of Mines and Ross Hall teams to Crane Hall where they will combine with two new WyACT NSF-EPSCoR teams in the Laboratory of Regional Earth Systems Modelling (Dr. Melissa Bukovsky) and the Center for Climate, Water and People (Dr. Corrie Knapp). This will provide sorely needed space for growth of burgeoning research programs and start a 5-to-10-year goal of consolidating the Haub School into less than the 7 buildings that we now occupy. All are excited as we settle into our new research and office spaces and get to work!

30 years of Interdisciplinary Efforts

Fall 2023 is the 30th anniversary of an interdisciplinary unit focused on novel approaches to our wild and working lands that is now known as the Haub School of Environment & Natural Resources; Fall 2024 will celebrate the 30th year of formal courses being offered. Over the next 2 years we will have events that commemorate and celebrate our increased impact in teaching, research, and service to our state over the last 3 decades.