University of Florida Water Institute
Summary of Results from the Water Institute Faculty Survey
Faculty Survey

- In August a survey was distributed electronically to all faculty affiliated with the Water Institute.
- At the time of the survey there were 130 affiliated faculty.
- 75 of the faculty responded.
- Note: not all respondents answered all questions, so totals will not always sum to 75 (or 100%).
Faculty Distributions
Distribution of Faculty Expertise

Percent of Respondents

- Economics
- Hydraulics
- Sociology
- Geography/Land Use
- Climate
- Water Treatment
- Aquatic Chemistry
- Hydrology
- Geology/Soils
- Aquatic Biology
- Agricultural Water Management
- Data Analysis/Modeling
- Water Resource Management
- Ecology
- Water Quality
Survey Results: Respondent's College

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Program Focus
Survey Results: What percentage of the Water Institute's programs should be focused on...

- Improved understanding of processes in aquatic systems: 35.7%
- Improved understanding of how human activities affect aquatic systems: 34.1%
- Developing and implementing water management and policy solutions: 31.1%
Survey Results: What percentage of the Water Institute's programs should be focused on...

Average percent provided by respondents:

- Research: 55.3%
- Teaching: 19.8%
- Outreach: 26.6%
Survey Results: What percentage of the Water Institute's programs should be focused on...

- State issues: 49.8%
- National issues: 29.5%
- International issues: 20.6%
Funding Priorities
Survey Results: Top 5 internal funding priorities?

- Interdisciplinary proposal working groups: 65.8%
- Fellowships / Assistantships for students: 54.8%
- Faculty seed grants: 53.4%
- Interdisciplinary working groups for synthesis activities: 43.8%
- Symposia on statewide water issues: 43.8%
Survey Results: Top 5 external funding priorities?

- Interdisciplinary research projects: 88.4%
- Fellowships for graduate students: 69.6%
- Symposia on state-wide water issues: 58.0%
- Interdisciplinary outreach programs: 52.2%
- Post-doctoral fellowships: 43.5%
Internal Advisory Board
Internal Advisory Board

- The Water Institute will be forming a 10 member internal advisory board
- 7 members elected by affiliated Water Institute faculty
  (affiliated faculty are those who are registered in the online expertise database)
- 3 members will be appointed to ensure disciplinary diversity
Internal Advisory Board

- Received 93 nominations
- 19 people received multiple nominations
External Advisory Board
The Water Institute will be forming a 10 to 15 member external advisory board.

Survey respondents were asked to provide their “ideal” composition for the external advisory board.

3 members will be appointed to ensure disciplinary diversity.
Survey Results: Ideal composition of the external advisory board.

- External Academics: 3.97
- State/Local Agency Personnel: 3.53
- Federal Agency Personnel: 2.80
- Non-profit Organizations: 2.16
- Industry, Legal and Consulting Firms: 2.49
External Advisory Board

Suggestions provided under the “other” option were

- International agencies
- International academics
- Agricultural community
- Politicians
- Private Citizens