

**UF Water Institute
Faculty Advisory Committee Meeting
April 14, 2016
SUMMARY**

Present: Mary Jane Angelo, Mark Clark, Tracy Irani, Jim Jawitz, David Kaplan, Jon Martin, Kati Migliaccio, Sandra Russo, Liz Scream. Staff: Tom Frazer, Lisette Staal, Carol Lippincott

Not Present: Matt Cohen, Peter Frederick, Arnolde Valle-Levinson, Tom Waltzek

Action items

Acting Director's Update -

Symposium was a success. Wendy to extend her NSF appointment past August, likely until December.

2016-2021 Strategic Plan -

A 5-year Strategic Plan was requested by Joe Glover of all Center/Institute Directors in early December (due in March) as a next step in informing the UF Goals and Objectives defined by the Goals Task Force. The existing UF Water Institute plan covered 2012 – 2017, and next year would have been the time for doing a plan. In compliance with the request, and making an effort to align with the UF Planning effort we revised and reframed and updated the existing plan to reflect a strategic plan for 2016 – 2021. This was shared with FAC and Faculty Fellows for comment and input on a short deadline.

WI asked FAC getting a sense of what the FAC believes the next steps should be relative to the Strategic Plan, and how to think about the moving the WI forward.

- There was general agreement on having a retreat (1/2 day (*maybe 1 day*) in January or February, 2017). FAC and Faculty Fellows would be the main participants in the retreat (maybe consider inviting some Affiliate Faculty)
- Our focus should be on operationalizing the Strategic Plan. More like doing a “roadmap” or work plan to get to where we want the WI to be by 2021. What are the priority activities to reach goals, how are/will they be assessed? Recommend priorities, goals, options, assessment metrics, etc.,
- Suggested that it would be helpful to do some upfront planning and “framing” the discussion points/issues before the retreat. Several faculty volunteered to help WI Staff with planning for the retreat (Kati, Mark, Mary Jane, Sandra). Perhaps consider using an internal survey prior to the retreat
- We should look at other similar Institutes. What can we learn from that? Noted that several institutes in the US with similar missions to the UF Water Institute are referenced in the 2015 Annual Report. Also, Wendy may have information on others

she may have reviewed. FAC suggested that it would be helpful to have some synthesis/look at the institutes for basis of discussing strategic - implementation plans.

- Topics of discussion to consider at retreat?
 - Is there an external audience that the Strategic Plan is focused on? Is an External Advisory Board needed? What would be their role? How would an external advisory board contribute to WI future? Might it be helpful to have a multi-stakeholders meeting? Somehow engage external stakeholders to get input from a variety of stakeholders on WI planning and implementation. (A suggestion was to maybe meet every other year (off-year from symposium).
 - WIGF- ways of getting Law and other Professional schools involved should be explored.

Action items

1. Convene an internal planning retreat in early 2017 to consider the new 2016-2012 Strategic Plan in context of informing and identifying priority activities.
2. FAC subcommittee (**Mary Jane, Sandra, Mark, Kati**) to work with staff to plan and prepare for the retreat. **Lisette** will organize meeting of this subcommittee.
3. Prior to the Subcommittee meeting review approaches/Strategic Plans as possible from other comparable Water Institutes for useful ideas. **Lisette**

5-Year Accomplishment Report -

Finished today and due tomorrow at request of Office of Research as part of their 5-yr evaluation of UF institutes. It will be posted on the Water Institute website. It will also be a key planning document for the retreat.

Action item - FAC were encouraged to read the report when available on-line.

Water Institute Graduate Fellows (WIGF) Program -

Funding for Next Cohorts: CLAS, CALS, and SNRE have renewed financial commitments for another 3 WIGF cohorts 2017, 2019, 2021. FAC comments supported the importance and value of WIGF as an interdisciplinary education effort. Recommended trying to reach out to additional colleges, in particular College of Design, Construction and Planning. In addition, encouraged revisiting College of Engineering. Discussed possibilities and some structural challenges to getting the College of Law involved in the WIGF but duration of student programs (1year) present challenge. Potential mechanism may exist with LLM program and Conservation Clinic. This could be explored. Also, getting other Professional schools involved should be encouraged and explored. (Perhaps a topic for discussion at the retreat?) In the short run, suggested expanded wording in RFP to make it more inclusive, encouraging professional schools to participate even if there is currently no funding for

Fellows from those professional schools. Lastly, FAC raised and explored the question of how do we get more proposals? Suggested it is important to encourage more submissions, including some that include new faculty.

Action items

1. **Tom** will re-approach College of Engineering about WIGF support (talk with Cammie Abernathy and/or Kirk Hatfield).
2. **Tom** will arrange a meeting with the exiting Dean of the College of Design, Construction and Planning, Christopher Silver, to gauge interest for funding support for WIGF students from their college. If receptive, Tom may ask **Jon** and **Zhong-Ren Peng** from Dept. of Urban and Region Planning to meet with him in follow-up meeting since Zhong-Ren and 3 of his students are active participants in the 2013 Coastal WIGF.
3. **Mary Jane will facilitate a meeting for Tom** with Dean of School of Law, Laura Ann Rosenbury, about possibilities for WIGF involvement since she is supportive of interdisciplinary work.
4. **FAC** will send review comments on the REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS to Carol before end of month, when the RFP will be advertised.
5. **Carol** will draft expanded wording in RFP to make it more inclusive, encouraging professional schools to participate and share with **FAC**.
6. **Tom** will send RFP to all Department chairs to distribute to their faculty, especially new faculty, to encourage WIGF proposal submittals. **WI staff** will meet with anyone who has questions.

Faculty Fellows -

Call for nominations sent, with nominations due by May 31. **FAC** were asked to encourage nominations.

Faculty Advisory Committee -

Matt Cohen previously agreed to be chair for another year. Following the election of the new FAC members, a Chair Elect will need to be identified. Nominations are needed to fill 5 positions - Annable (appointed), Clark (elected), Irani (elected), Jawitz (elected), Martin (who was fulfilling the final year of Schwartz elected appointment). In addition, Treavor Boyer is leaving UF and has 1 year left in his tenure .

Several potential NOMINEES were suggested for consideration for nomination.

1. Chris Wilson – Soil & Water Science
2. Rachata Munepeerakul – Ag & Bio Engineering
3. Michael Dukes - Ag & Bio Engineering
4. Kai Lorenzen – Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences
5. Laura Warner - Ag Education & Communication

6. Glenn Galloway - (MDP program) Center for African Studies
7. Ignacio Porzecanski – SNRE
8. Matt had earlier suggested that it would be good to get someone from Biology.
9. Jon Martin expressed interest in continuing on the FAC as needed.

Action items

1. **Lisette** will work with **Matt Cohen** (Chair) and WI Directors as nominating committee to finalize nomination process before May 30.
2. **FAC** will send in names for any additional targeted Nominees to consider to Lisette next week. **FAC** will encourage people to self- nominate.
3. **Lisette** will send call for nominations by April 30.

Distinguished Scholar Seminar Series -

Carol shared the current Seminar Speakers (Duane De Freese, Ph.D., Ty Ferré, Ph.D., Christine J. [Kirchoff](#), Ph.D.) and ones that are to be invited ([Rafael Bras](#) , [Jim Elser](#) , [Ben Horton](#)) Still have space for 3 additional speakers.

ACTION - FAC will recommend speakers for 3 remaining slots in 2016-2017 seminar schedule.

AGENDA

UF Water Institute Faculty Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 2016

12:00 – 1:30 PM, McCarty Hall A- Room 3177 (SWS department conference room)

Available: Jon Martin, Jim Jawitz, David Kaplan, Kati Migliaccio, Liz Sreaton, Sandra Russo, Mark Clark, Tracy Irani, Mary Jane Angelo Tom Frazer, Lisette Staal, Carol Lippincott

Not Available: Arnaldo Valle-Levinson, Matt Cohen, Tom Waltzek, Peter Frederick,

AGENDA:

1. Director's Update
2. UF WI Strategic Plan and WI 5-yr review – Discuss ideas for planning next steps for WI. The new strategic plan is available on UF WI website ([LINK](#)). Please check it out.
3. [UF Water Institute Graduate Fellows Program \(WIGF\)](#) –
 - a) Renewed commitments and Draft MOU
 - b) Draft 2017 WIGF Proposal Solicitation and Eligibility
 - c) Review Process timeline
4. [FAC Fellows](#) - Announcement is out. Nominations are due by Tuesday, May 31, 2016, Recruit, Review, Evaluation/Selection
5. FAC Nominations - Need to Fill 5 positions (Annable, Clark, Irani, Jawitz for three year terms (4 elected, appointed). In addition, we need to replace Treavor Boyer is leaving UF, his term ends June 2017 (**Elected**) You can see all FAC member and terms on the UF Website ([LINK](#))
6. [WI Distinguished Scholar Seminar Series](#) – update and Nominations for speakers
7. Other