

UF Water Institute Faculty Advisory Committee
Wednesday, April 22, 2015
11:30 – 1:00 pm, McCarty Hall D- Room 1031 A.
Meeting Summary

Attended: Sandra Russo, Jim Jawitz (Chair), Michael Binford, Mike Annable, Tom Frazer, Kathryn Frank, Arnoldo Valle-Levinson, Liz Scream, Treavor Boyer, Wendy Graham, Lisette Staal

Not available: Tracy Irani, Peter Frederick, Andrew Kane, Mark Clark, Matt Cohen (Chair Elect)

AGENDA

1. **Director's Update** - Dr. Wendy Graham, Director shared the range of recent activities for the UF Water Institute including projects, studies, seminars, proposals, WIGF program and Extension activities. Dr. Graham also announced that she has been invited to an IPA at NSF to work with the Food, Energy and Water program, and anticipates this to be an excellent opportunity. She has discussed a plan for interim management of the Water Institute during her 1 year absence -anticipated to begin in August 2015. Tom Frazer will accept responsibility for the Water Institute for the time she is away. Dr. Graham will present a proposal for interim leadership to relevant administrators.
2. **WI FAC elections** – Several members are completing their term on the Committee in June 2015. Elections will take place before the end of May.
 - Dr. Matt Cohen is the Chair elect and so will remain on the committee through the next three years and assume duties after the election.
 - Dr. Jim Jawitz will become the Past Chair.
 - The five people leaving the FAC are Drs. Michael Binford, Kathryn Frank, Tom Frazer, Andrew Kane and Katrina Schwartz. Suggestions for Nominations were solicited from FAC and will be sought from the WI Affiliate Faculty at large. Some suggestions include:
 - Tom Waltzek
 - Tom Bianci, Jon Martin, Mark Brenner
 - Rafa Munoz Carpena, Kati Migliaccio
 - Christine Angelini
 - Jim Anderson
 - Cynthia Simmons, Greg Glass, Sadie Ryan
 - Chris Silver, Peggy Carr, Glenn Acomb, Rob Holmes
3. **WI Faculty Fellows Award Nominations** – FAC were encouraged to submit nominations. These will be due May 15th. Several suggestions included
 - Mark Clark
 - Mark Brenner
 - Mike Annable
 - Arnoldo Valle-Levinson
 - Mike Dukes
4. **WI Research Coordinator Position** - The announcement for the job posting has been revised from the previously announce position and distributed. The focus is more on science oriented person rather than communications. FAC will be asked to help out once again with interviews during the process.

5. **2016 Biennial Symposium Planning** – Discussed several other symposia/conferences that are in the works for this year. Key ones that WI is engaged with include:

- SEC Academic Conference – 2016 (Oct) Led by Mississippi State and held in Atlanta - “Sustainable Water Ecosystems, Economics and Communities. Wendy is the UF liaison for program committee – contact is Anna Cathey Linhoss.
- Collaborating on Climate Change Communications Symposium for the Fall Nov 12 and 13) - workshop for journalists, "Covering Water in a Changing World" (Nov 12-13). The morning of Friday Nov 13th is a half-day conference on climate-change communications to help reporters and broadcast meteorologists cover climate change and particularly its water impacts.
- “Imagining Climate Change,” the UF speaker series that Alioune Sow and Terry Harpold are organizing for next fall and spring (2015 and 2016.)

6. **UF Water Institute Symposium** --Feb 16-17, 2016 is the **5th Biennial** Water Institute biennial Symposium. Previous Symposia included:

- [2014 Symposium](#) - *Sustainable Water Resources: Complex Challenges, Integrated Solutions* – **Water Supply Planning in a Non-Stationary World**
- [2012 Symposium](#) - *Sustainable Water Resources: Complex Challenges, Integrated Solutions* – **Nutrient Dynamics, Policy and Management in Watersheds**
- [2010 Symposium](#) - *Sustainable Water Resources: Complex Challenges, Integrated Solutions*
- [2008 Symposium](#) - *Sustainable Water Resources: Florida Challenges, Global Solutions*

Brainstormed initial ideas for UF Water Institute Symposium 2016 – themes, tracks, people

Suggestions for Potential Themes:

- Dealing with Climate Extremes (floods, droughts, storm surge, sea level rise etc.);
- Water Resilience
- Food, Water, and Energy

Suggestions for Potential Tracks:

- Adapting to floods and drought (agricultural, infrastructure etc.)
- Coastal resilience
- Aquatic Ecosystems
- Green Infrastructure
- Everglades
- Social resilience –“training resilient communities”, Gender and Communities

Suggestions for Potential Planning Committee Members

- Tom Frazer
- Nancy Denslow, Tom Waltzek
- Jim Heaney, John Sansalone
- Chris Silver, Peggy Carr, Robert Reis, Jim Sullivan, Rob Holmes, Glen Acomb
- Steve Roberts
- Corrine Mathis Joanne Mossa

□ Paul Monaghan

Appended supplemental information:

Water Institute Faculty Advisory Committee

Fac_last_name	Fac_first_name	Fac_org_title		Term Expires
Annable	Michael	Environmental Engineering Sciences		01-Jun-16
Binford	Michael	Geography	Elected	01-Jun-15
Boyer	Treavor	Environmental Engineering Sciences	Elected	01-Aug-17
Clark	Mark	Soil and Water Science	Elected	01-Jun-16
Cohen	Matthew	School of Forest Resources and Conservation	Elected	01-Jun-17
Frank	Kathryn	Urban and Regional Planning	Appointed	01-Jun-15
Frazer	Tom	Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences	Appointed	01-Jun-15
Frederick	Peter	Wildlife Ecology and Conservation	Elected	01-Aug-17
Irani	Tracy	UF/IFAS Center for Public Issues Education	Elected	01-Jun-16
Jawitz	James	Soil and Water Science	Elected	01-Jun-16
Kane	Andrew	Environmental Global Health	Appointed	01-Jun-15
Russo	Sandra	International Center	Elected	01-Aug-17
Schwartz	Katrina	Political Science	Elected	01-Jun-16
Screaton	Elizabeth	Geology	Elected	01-Aug-17
Valle-Levinson	Arnoldo	ESSIE, Dept. of Civil and Coastal Engineering	Appointed	01-Aug-17

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