

**UF Water Institute**  
**Faculty Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday May 3, 2010 11:30am-1:30pm**  
**284 Reitz Union**

Attended by:

**FAC Members:** Angelo, Brenner, Frazer, Haman, Hamann, Havens, Martin, McCarty, Monroe, Munoz-Carpena, Southworth (*FAC members not present: Borisova, Jawitz, Jones, Overdeest, Reddy, Sheng*)

**Water Institute:** Graham, McKee, Staal

**Guest attendee:** Hatfield

Wendy Graham welcomed the new members of the committee (Angelo, Havens, Martin (returning), Monroe, and Southworth) and thanked the former members (Hamann, Jawitz, Jones, Reis, and Martin (returning)). All attendees briefly introduced themselves. Tom Frazer, Chair of the FAC, presided over the meeting.

**Discussion items:** Tom Frazer, Chair of the FAC, presided over the meeting, and the following topics were covered.

1. **Chair-Elect nominations** - Tom Frazer shared his view of the role of the chair of the committee and solicited nominations. Jon Martin was nominated by Tom Frazer and Jon accepted the nomination. Chris McCarty seconded and the vote was unanimous agreement. Jon Martin was named the Chair Elect of the FAC from May 2010 – 2011, he will assume the position of Chair in May 2011
2. **Status of Research Webpage** – Wendy Graham demonstrated the new WI Research Webpages that are currently on-line and linked to a data base. The database included WI affiliate faculty active projects since 2003 which are drawn in from the Sponsored Programs information. Since the last meeting, the WI Research page has been updated to include all FAC projects. The link to the research website is <http://waterinstitute.ufl.edu/research/index.html>

Discussion: Suggestions included considering ways for people to enter their own data, how to include projects outside of the DSR system, how to include publications, determine how to identify which projects to highlight and for how long and the pros and cons of including funding amounts.

Actions:

- 1) FAC members noted will review the introductory paragraphs as indicated below and if necessary provide language by the next FAC meeting
  - Water and Climate: Jim Jones/Jane review description, provide info for additional projects to be highlighted

- Springs: Jon/Tom – review highlighted projects. Do we need more, different ones?
  - Wetlands: Ramesh – provide description, provide info for additional projects to be highlighted.
  - Watersheds: Wendy - provide description, review highlighted projects. Do we need more, different ones?
  - Aquifers: Mike/Jim Jawitz - - provide description, review highlighted projects. Do we need more, different ones?
  - Lakes: Mark – provide description, provide info for additional projects to be highlighted.
  - Coastal Zones: Peter/Tom – provide description, provide info for additional projects to be highlighted.
  - ALL: Review your personal projects. Provide additional info for projects you would like to highlight
- 2) FAC members will provide information on goals and objectives, planned and available outputs for their projects currently in the website, as appropriate. Wendy will add new FAC member's projects to the Webpage.
  - 3) Lisette Staal will send follow-up emails to FAC members requesting input on project goals, planned and available outputs requesting that this information be sent to Mary Garvin.
  - 4) WI will consider the following suggestions:
    - a) develop on-line entry form that would allow people to enter their own data,
    - b) explore how to deal with other “non-funded projects” or projects that are funded outside the DSR reporting system
3. **2010-11 Distinguished Scholar Seminar Series** – Wendy Graham provided a brief history of the invited speakers series and asked for input on what was working/what is not/ and what should we be doing with the series in the coming year- first one should be in September 2010.

Discussion: Works well when the person that sponsors the visitor is very interested and active in the hosting, links to departmental seminars and offered at the same time, links to other institutes hosting speakers. Although difficult to identify specific themes, suggestions were made for inviting speakers that can address controversial, current issues and also have broad cross-disciplinary appeal. A couple of suggestions were made for speakers including Hans Paerl and Martin Schefer and to identify people who can address potential topics such as Impacts of Oil Spills, Water Borne Diseases, Water and Climate Vulnerability and Sustainability. There should be approximately 3-4 a semester.

Actions:

- 1) Set the Seminar day and time at 3:00 on Thursday. This is the existing time and coincides well with a few departmental seminars already established.
- 2) Schedule the meeting space 282 Reitz Union as soon as possible.
- 3) LS send an email to FAC to request nomination for speakers and include a brief description of types of speakers and topic areas that are desirable.
- 4) FAC to consider potential links to their departmental seminars.

4. **External Advisory Board:** Tom Frazer indicated the he would like to schedule a follow-up meeting open to all FAC to explore in detail the idea of comprising an external advisory committee for the WI. Do we need one, want one? If so what purpose and composition?

Action: Lisette will send an email trying to schedule a time to meet for an hour for those FAC interested in contributing to this discussion.

5. **IGERT Institutionalization/WI Graduate Research Fellow** (see attached proposal):

Discussion: Tom and Wendy provided brief background and update on meetings with Deans regarding this proposal. The proposed MOU and talking points and proposal had been distributed to the FAC prior to the meeting. All three Deans supported the idea, however, the Engineering Dean indicated that she would need to get the consent of the COE Department Chairs.

FAC discussed the constraints, limitations and opportunities of trying to do this across colleges, given the different institutional cultures for handling the Alumni Fellowships, the current University climate seems to put up roadblocks for interdisciplinary research and education programs. It was also pointed out that this might be exactly the reason such a program is needed. It was suggested to go ahead with the MOU for signature by the two Deans (CLAS and CALS), and follow-up with Engineering.

Some considerations that FAC members mentioned that should be looked at more closely as the proposal develops:

- timing currently in the proposal being very tight
- link to existing projects for initial round
- difficulty of too many faculty – might be a time sink to work together
- changing the theme or project every 12-14 months might make it difficult to recruit students
- requiring all 3 colleges be represented in cohort (suggested 2 of 3, with 3 preferred) may be difficult
- need for \$ for “additional activities” that contribute to building a cohort
- downplay the emphasis on continuation of IGERT
- consider them Water Institute Fellows

Actions:

- 1) Wendy to revise MOU based on discussions and distribute to the FAC for comment
- 2) Wendy will sign the revised MOU and send it individually to the three Deans for their signatures.
- 3) Request a meeting with Engineering Dean Cammy Abernathy to discuss the MOU and any COE specific issues she may want to add as an addendum.

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**Agenda:**

6. Chair-Elect nominations: Need to elect from current FAC membership. Nominations will be taken at meeting and survey monkey election carried out following meeting. (15 minutes)
7. Status of Research Webpage Review status and needs (15 minutes)
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8. 2010-11 Distinguished Scholar Seminar Series: strategy for next year (15 minutes)
9. External Advisory Board: Do we need one, want one? If so what purpose and composition (15 minutes)
10. IGERT Institutionalization/WI Graduate Research Fellow (see attached proposal): Review MOU for FAC vote and transmittal to Deans. Discuss RFP protocol. (1 hour)