

Water Institute Faculty Advisory Committee
Friday September 14th, 2012
11:30-1:30 Weil Hall 307

Attendees: Mike Annable, Mike Binford, Mark Clark, Matt Cohen, Tracy Irani, Jim Jawitz, Jon Martin, Martha Monroe, Katrina Schwartz, Wendy Graham, Lisette Staal, Kathleen McKee
Absent: Mary Jane Angelo, Kathryn Frank, Tom Frazer, Karl Havens, Andy Kane

Meeting Summary:

1) Budget update

Wendy Graham outlined the Water Institute budget changes for Fiscal Year 2012-2103 and noted the shift from 2.0FTE Research Coordinators (funded by VP DSR) to 1.0FTE Research Coordinator (funded by VP DSR) and 1.0 FTE Research Coordinator (funded by SVP IFAS). The shift in funding source will be reflected in a shift in emphasis toward Extension Coordination, at least for this fiscal year. As a first activity the Water Institute will be helping IFAS to coordinate an Extension Water Summit to develop an implementation plan for the new IFAS Extension Water Initiative. In this context, the role of the Center for Excellence in Watershed Management (which is hosted within the Water Institute) in the IFAS Water Extension Initiative will be explored and defined over the next few months.

2) Potential Activity developing White Papers

A possibility for a work element under the new Extension mandate is the production of Water Institute white papers on state, national and/or global water issues. Wendy Graham will work with Mike Annable to call a meeting of interested FAC members to brainstorm what would constitute a Water Institute white paper, potential titles and audiences for a series of white papers, WI faculty incentives for participating, and potential research or coordination assistance that could be offered. Matt Cohen, Jim Jawitz, Mark Clark, and Jon Martin expressed interest in participating in the brainstorming session. White papers could be translated to EDIS publications in some cases but not necessarily. Potential audiences for white papers that were discussed included Water Management Districts, County Extension Directors, members of the Florida Legislature, and environmental groups.

3) Review and approval of Strategic Plan (see attached)

The Strategic Plan was reviewed and discussed. The pros and cons of developing an External Advisory Board (EAB), and the need to define the charter of any EAB was discussed. The FAC recommended omitting the specific performance measure related to the EAB, however it was agreed that a subcommittee of the WI FAC will get together to decide how to move forward with an external advisory process.

Wendy Graham will edit the Performance Measures section of the Strategic Plan and circulate it to the FAC for an email vote of approval.

4) Update on WIGF 2013, Interdisciplinary proposal efforts, Extension Water Summit, etc

We received 2 letters of interest for the WIGF 2013 program. Proposals are due Oct 1. FAC members who are not affiliated with either of the proposing teams will assist in the proposal review process.

This year the WI will focus interdisciplinary proposal coordination on

- a) The NSF CZO RFP due Feb 2012
- b) The Tempisque faculty group
- c) The WIGF 2011 faculty/grad student group
- d) The WIGF 2013 faculty/ grad student group

5) Nominations for seminar speakers

There was no time for discussion so Wendy Graham will send an email asking the FAC for speaker nominations for the Spring 2012 semester.

6) Election of a Chair-Elect

Mike Annable will contact Jim Jawitz to determine his willingness to be nominated for Chair Elect of the WI FAC this year.